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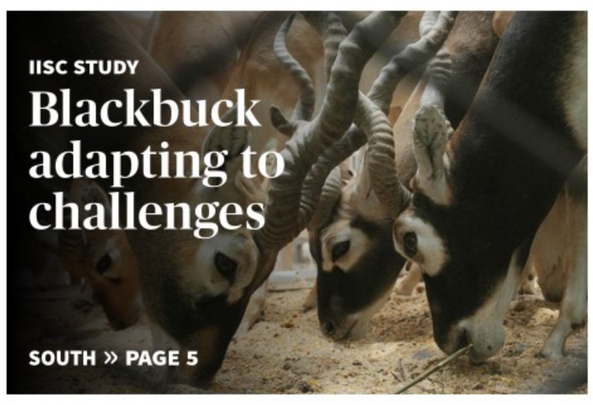

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Woman, toddler son die as structure at Namma Metro construction site collapses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman and her two-and-a-half-year-old son died when a structure at a Namma Metro construction site fell on them at Nagawara on Tuesday morning.

According to the police, the two victims were on a two-wheeler with the father and the other child, who escaped with injuries.

Around 10.45 a.m., the structure collapsed and hit a bike on which Lohith, his wife Tejaswini, and their twins (a son and a daughter) were travelling.

"Tejaswini and son Vihan were seriously injured and shifted to a private hospital. Unfortunately, both succumbed," Bhimashankar Guled, DCP, East division, told *The Hindu*,

Later, the police registered an FIR against the officials of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) and contractor. Family of the disease has alleged negligence by Metro authorities.

The under-construction reinforcement structure for a Namma Metro pillar which collapsed on the busy Outer Ring Road near HBR Layout in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The police said, "Based on Lohith's statement to the police, we have registered the FIR under Sections of 337 (causing hurt by act of endangering life or personal safety of others), 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others), 304-A (causing death by negligence), and 427 (mischief causing damage) of the IPC."

Compensation

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Pervez announced a compensation of ₹20 lakh for the family of the deceased.

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We won't pay a farthing more, says Union Carbide

Govt. walking a 'slippery slope' by seeking more funds for Bhopal gas leak victims over and above the $470 million paid by the company, says SC; asks why ₹50 crore of the relief was not disbursed

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) on Tuesday said it is not willing to pay a "farthing" more if a settlement with the Centre in 1989 is set aside by the Supreme Court even as a Constitution Bench asked the government why ₹50 crore of the $470 million paid by the company has still not reached the Bhopal gas leak tragedy victims after all these years.

The Centre, in a curative plea, has contended that the 1989 settlement is seriously impaired. It has sought additional funds of over ₹7,400 crore from the pesticide company. The government said there is fresh data of more suffering caused by the incident.

"My client is not willing to pay a farthing more. They say this is what they settled for, and if you [government] don't want the settlement, let the law take its course," senior advocate Harish Salve, for UCC, apprised the court.

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, the lead judge on the five-member Bench, said the government was walking a "slippery slope" by seeking to "re-open" the settlement after over 30 years through a curative petition. Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre, said the tragedy presented an extraordinary situation. The government was not looking to reopen the settlement but only wanted to "add" to it. "The settlement was not just," he said.

"So why did you settle then? One of the parties to the settlement was the Union of India no less, not a weak party... Let's say, on the other hand, a situation arises that the actual scenario is less horrific than made out to be... Can the other side [UCC] come out and say that an excess amount was paid in the settlement and they want it back? Can we permit that?" Justice Kaul asked.

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When disaster struck

Toxic methyl isocyanate gas leaked from the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal on the intervening night of Dec. 2 and 3, 1984

A.M. FARUQUI

Deaths: **5,295**

Injuries: **5,68,292**

- It also resulted in the loss of livestock and loss of property of almost **5,478 persons**
- The Union Carbide Corporation gave a compensation of **$470 million** (₹715 crore at the time of settlement in 1989)

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VTU to decentralise evaluation system

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No change in air quality in most cities under NCAP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Four years since the introduction of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) – India's first national policy on curbing air pollution – air quality has improved in only 49 out of 131 cities in 2021-22 from the previous financial year's figure, according to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air on Tuesday.

Only 38 of the 131 cities that were given annual pollution reduction targets under agreements signed between State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and the Centre managed to meet the targets for 2021-22, the report noted.

The NCAP, announced four years ago, covers 132 of India's most polluted or so-called non-attainment cities.

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T.N. Governor objects to *ondriya arasu* use

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A day after he walked out of the Tamil Nadu Assembly following a face-off with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Governor R.N. Ravi on Tuesday disapproved of the DMK government's use of the Tamil term *ondriya arasu* to denote the Union government.

During an interaction with a batch of candidates who had cleared their Civil Services (Main) Examination and are preparing for the interview, the Tamil Nadu Governor shared his view that the word "*ondriyam*" referred to a sub-district, sub-divisional level structure in the hierarchy, and the term was used perhaps with an intention to "belittle" and be "disrespectful" to the Union government.

His response came on a query from an aspirant on how to answer a question on the "Central government/Union government" controversy in the State.

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SC to take up Joshimath land sinking plea on Jan. 16

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a petition concerning the Joshimath "land-sinking" incident in Uttarakhand on January 16.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said democratic institutions were taking care of the situation on the ground. Advocate Parmeshwar Nath Mishra, who is appearing for the the petitioner, Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati, had urged the court to hear the case urgently and out of turn, saying "people are suffering". Blaming the land subsidence on large-scale industrialisation, the petition sought aid for those affected.

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Anti-government protests in Peru claim 17 lives

Agence France-Presse
LIMA

At least 17 people died on Monday in Peru as protesters trying to storm an airport clashed with security forces in the latest violent spasm of a month-old political crisis.

This new chapter of bloodshed took place in the southeastern city of Juliaca, in the Puno region, an official told *AFP*.

Like others have for the past month, these protesters were demanding the departure of President Dina Boluarte, who took over after the ouster and arrest of then President Pedro Castillo on December 7.

Mr. Castillo's removal after he tried to dissolve the congress and start ruling by decree – he faced several corruption probes – has triggered weeks of clashes nationwide that have left 39 dead overall.

Protesters want Ms. Boluarte to resign and elections right away.

Overall, the clashes sparked by the ouster of Castillo have now left 39 people dead around the country.

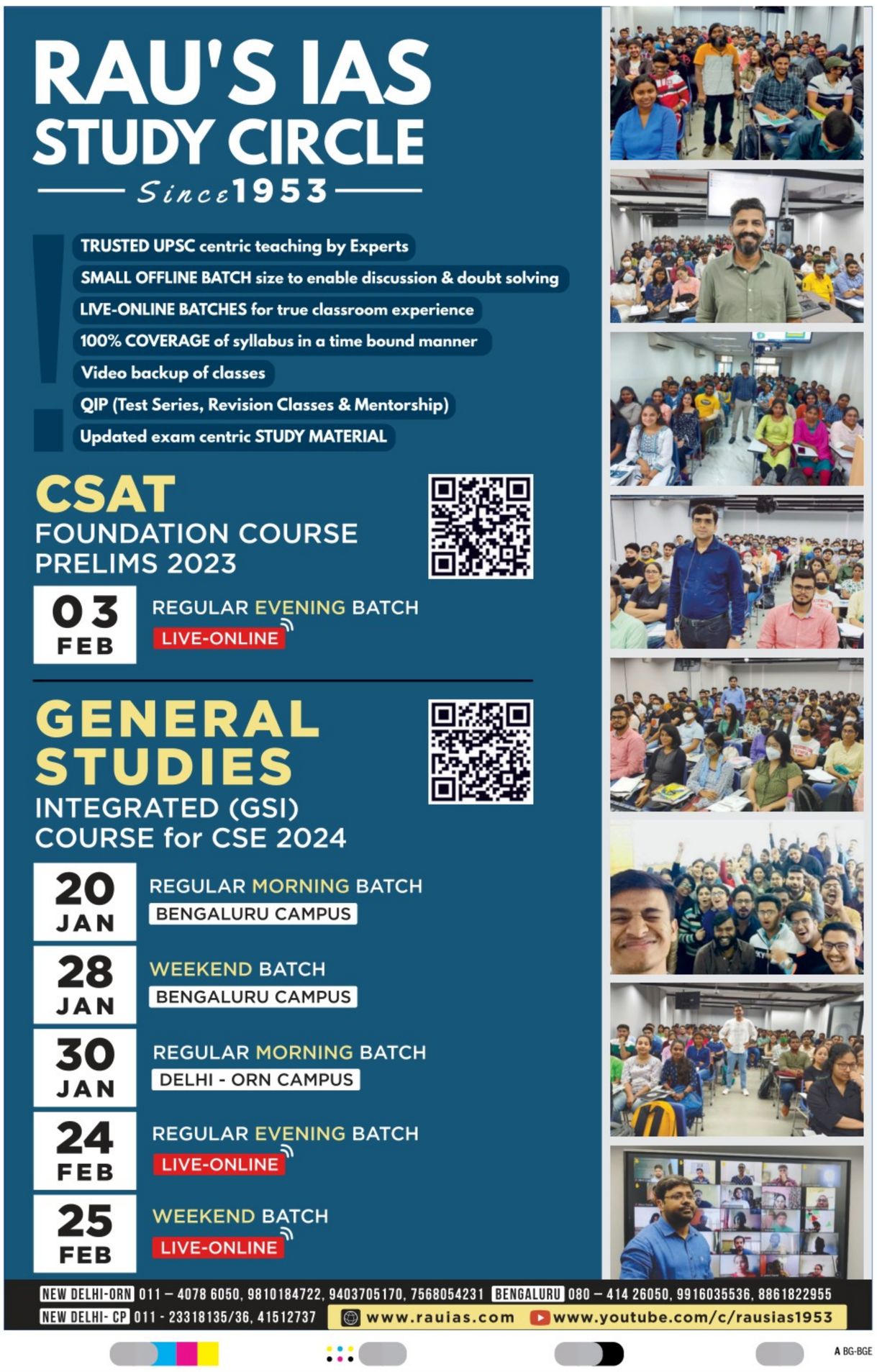
The people killed Monday in Juliaca had gunshot wounds, an official at Calos Monge Hospital told a Peruvian TV channel.

"The police are shooting at us," one demonstrator who declined to give his name told *AFP*.

"We ask Dina to resign," he added. "Accept the fact that people do not want you." "What is happening is Peruvians are slaughtering each other. I ask for calm," Juliaca's Mayor Oscar Caceres said in a desperate plea for peace.

Demonstrators had already tried on Saturday to overrun the Juliaca airport, which is being protected by police and soldiers.

Surge of dissent: Hundreds of protesters gather at the main plaza in the Andes city of Puno in support of ousted President Castillo. AFP



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NEWS IN NUMBERS

World Bank's latest forecast slashes global growth in 2023

1.7 In percentage, the global growth in 2023, according to the World Bank's latest forecast. It points to a "sharp, long-lasting slowdown" with growth roughly half the pace it predicted in June. Economists have warned of a slump in the world economy as countries battle soaring costs and central banks simultaneously hike interest rates to cool demand. AFP

AUM of mutual fund industry rose to 39 lakh crore in 2022

5.7 The percentage by which Assets Under Management (AUM) of the mutual fund industry rose to a total of ₹39.88 lakh crore in 2022. This was an increase of close to seven lakh crore. "The industry grew at a slower pace in 2022 due to uncertainty in stock markets, and changing interest rate scenarios," the Head of Research at FYERS, said. PTI

PM2.5 pollution in Delhi reduced in last four years says report

7 The percentage by which PM2.5 pollution in the national capital reduced in four years, from 108 micrograms per cubic metre in 2019 to 99.71 micrograms per cubic metre in 2022, the report by NCAP Tracker said. However, it still remains below the desired level. The National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) hopes to reduce pollution by 20 to 30% by 2024 (as compared to 2017 levels). PTI

Gem and jewellery exports decline in December, says GJEPC

11.25 The percentage by which overall gem and jewellery exports in December declined to $2,356.70 million due to rising prices, affecting the cost of living and talks of a downturn in the U.S., the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said. The total exports during April-December 2022 witnessed a growth of 6.28%. PTI

The past eight years were the warmest on record: Copernicus

8 The last eight years were the warmest on record even with the cooling influence of a La Nina weather pattern since 2020, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service, the European Union's climate monitoring service. Average temperatures across 2022 make it the fifth warmest year since records began in the 19th century. AFP

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The stalemate between Telangana and AP

Why is there a conflict between the two States in dividing assets and liabilities? What are the governments of both States claiming? What have been the recommendations of the expert committee on asset division? Will the Union government intervene in the issue to settle the conflict amicably?

EXPLAINER

M. Rajeev

The story so far:

More than eight years after the bifurcation of the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh, division of assets and liabilities between the two States remain elusive as the States make their own interpretation of the provisions under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014. Several bilateral meetings between the two States as well as those convened by the Union Home Ministry failed and the Andhra Pradesh government has now approached the Supreme Court seeking "just, reasonable and equitable apportionment" of assets and liabilities.

What assets are to be divided?

There are 91 institutions under Schedule IX and 142 institutions under Schedule X of the Act. The division of another 12 institutions not mentioned in the Act has also become contentious between the States.

The issue involves 245 institutions with a total fixed asset value of ₹1.42 lakh crore – headquarter assets under Schedule IX institutions are pegged at ₹24,018.53 crore while institutions under Schedule X are at ₹34,642.77 crore. The other 12 institutions are valued at ₹1,759 crore.

What are AP government's claims?

The AP Government is firm on the implementation of the recommendations given by the expert committee headed by retired bureaucrat Sheela Bhide for bifurcation of 89 out of the 91 Schedule IX institutions. But it lamented that the Telangana government had selectively accepted the recommendations leaving others which was resulting in delays in division of assets and liabilities.

"The Andhra Pradesh Government has been of the view that the recommendations of the expert committee be accepted in toto so as to expedite the process of division and put quietus on the division of these institutions," the petition said.

The new and the divided: The new secretariat of the Telangana government under construction in Hyderabad on January 9. G. RAMAKRISHNA

What did the expert committee say?

The committee has made recommendations with respect to the division of 89 out of the 91 Schedule IX institutions. Its recommendations on the division of assets that are not a part of the headquarter assets attracted criticism from the Telangana government which said it is against the spirit of the Reorganisation Act. The division of several institutions like the RTC headquarters and the Deccan Infrastructure and Landholdings Limited (DIL) which have huge land parcels in its possession have become the key bone of contention between the two States. The committee, for instance, recommended the division of RTC workshops and other assets which do not come under the definition of 'headquarter assets'. Telangana opposes these divisions. The land parcels held by the DIL do not come under the provisions of the Act either, Telangana contended.

What has the Home Ministry said?

The Union Home Ministry has given clarity about the headquarter assets way back in 2017. "In the case of one single comprehensive State undertaking (which includes the headquarters and the operational units in one facility) which is exclusively located in, or its operations are confined in one local area, it shall be apportioned on the basis of location as per sub-section (1) of Section 53 of the Reorganisation Act," the Ministry said in its office memorandum issued on May 18, 2017.

What is the stand of Telangana?

The Telangana government has contended that the expert committee's recommendations were against the interests of Telangana. There is a clear definition of division of headquarter assets in Section 53 of the Reorganisation Act, officials say.

"The assets and liabilities relating to any commercial or industrial undertaking of the existing State of Andhra Pradesh, where such undertaking or part thereof is exclusively located in, or its operations are confined to, a local area, shall pass to the State in which that area is included on the appointed day, irrespective of the location of its headquarters", the Act specifically says.

The government is firm that the assets located outside the erstwhile united State like Andhra Pradesh Bhavan in New Delhi could be divided between the States on the basis of population as per the provisions of the Act.

What is the role of the Centre?

Several meetings of the dispute resolution committee headed by the Union Home Secretary and comprising of the Chief Secretaries of the two States and those convened by the dispute resolution sub-committee headed by the Home Ministry's joint secretary could not break the impasse.

The Act empowers the Union Government to intervene as and when needed.

Hopefully, the Home Ministry takes steps to expeditiously and amicably settle the issues between the two States.

THE GIST

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RBI's revised guidelines for locker management

How are the rules changing for banks and customers? Why has there been a revision in the guidelines? Which judgment fuelled these changes? What is 'term deposit'?

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

In order to enhance the safety, transparency and effective management of safe deposit lockers provided by banks, apex banking regulator Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a list of revised guidelines, which came into force from January 1, 2022. The guidelines followed observations made by the Supreme Court in *Amitabha Dasgupta vs United Bank of India* (February 2021). The agreements with existing customers were to be renewed by January 1, 2023.

What changes for banks?

Now, while allotting lockers, banks have to enter into an agreement with the customer on duly stamped paper, with a copy being provided to both parties. The terms of the contract must not be "more onerous than required in the ordinary course of business to safeguard the interests of the bank". The provisions entail ensuring the safety of the locker, its management, rent collection and verification for transfer or revealing the contents.

Banks would now be allowed to obtain a 'term deposit' at the time of allotment to a consumer. It would cover three years' rent and the charges for breaking open a locker should the locker-hirer neither operate it nor pay rent. The central idea here is to ensure the prompt payment of locker rent. In the event of a merger, closure or shifting of a branch that would require physical relocation of lockers, the banks would be required to give notices in at least two newspapers with customers intimated at least two months in advance along with the option to change or close the facility. Further, if the locker rent is collected in advance, the proportionate amount would require to be refunded to the customer should s/he surrender the account. Banks would not be under any liability to insure the contents of the locker against any risk whatsoever. Additionally, under no circumstances can it offer insurance products to its customers for insuring the contents.

What is new for customers?

For lockers operated through an electronic system, the bank must institute measures to safeguard it against any breach of security. It must also devise a standard operating procedure for issuing a new password should the customers have lost or forgotten them. Customers must also inform the bank immediately if they lose the locker key.

Banks would reserve the discretion to break open the locker with regards to due procedure if the rent stands pending for three years in a row. They must however inform the user and accord him 'reasonable opportunity' to withdraw the deposited contents. The break-open process would take place in the presence of a bank officer and two independent witnesses and the entire process needs to be taped. The idea is to collect evidence in case of any dispute or in the future.

What happened in the Amitabha Dasgupta case?

Union Bank customer Amitabha Dasgupta submitted that the lender broke his locker illegally citing an incorrect assertion that he had not paid dues between 1993-94. The Chief Manager of the bank admitted to having incorrectly broken the locker and apologised for the same. When Mr. Dasgupta went to the collect the contents of the locker later, he could find only two of the seven ornaments that had been deposited in the locker in a non-sealed envelope. In its verdict the Court noted that "imposition of liability upon the bank with respect to the contents of the locker is dependent upon provision and appreciation of evidence in a civil suit for such purpose". While the SC eventually ordered the lender to compensate Mr. Dasgupta, it separately added that the existing regulations on locker management were "inadequate and muddled" with no uniformity in rules.

THE GIST

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VTU to decentralise evaluation system

It plans to announce engineering results within a week of the exam; varsity has already successfully implemented digital evaluation system

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The VTU has also decided to conduct evaluation of answer papers at the college level. FILE PHOTO

To avoid delay in the announcement of results of engineering courses, the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) is planning to decentralise the evaluation system.

The VTU has decided to announce the semester results within a week of completion of the last exam and the answer papers' evaluation will be conducted at the college level.

There are 208 affiliated engineering colleges under VTU and around 3 lakh students are studying in various semesters. The university is assessing the students through the semester examinations. However, the delaying of semester results is a common complaint every year.

Sometimes, the previous semester's results have been announced one month before the current semester exams. All these problems have been caused by the delay of answer paper evaluation.

As of now, the VTU is conducting a centralised evaluation system. The university has already successfully implemented the digital evaluation system. After scanning of answer papers, the university will serve those digitised answer papers to evaluators' login IDs. All the evaluators should compulsorily come to the particular evaluation centre. It is among the reasons for delay of evaluation. Therefore, the VTU has decided to decentralise the evaluation system.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor of VTU, said, "To avoid delay of semester results, reforms in the evaluation system is highly needed. Therefore, we decided to conduct evaluation a the college level. From the next semester, we will announce the results within a week of the examination." "The new system is a time saver and it will avoid bringing all evaluators to the evaluation centres. We are planning to conduct the evaluation in all the engineering colleges under the supervision of colleges principals concerned. Answer sheets will be mixed up and the answer papers will be distributed to different colleges. Same college answer sheets will not be evaluated in the same college. Coding system will also executed," he explained.

8 marching contingents to be part of Army Day parade

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Family members of Army personnel during a dress rehearsal ahead of Army Day in Bengaluru on Tuesday. PTI

Eight marching contingents, including a horse-mounted contingent from the Army Service Corps (ASC) and a military band comprising five regimental brass bands, will be part of the 75th Army Day parade which is being held for the first time in Bengaluru on January 15.

The marching contingents are from Madras Engineering Group, Bombay Sappers, Regiment of Artillery, Mahar Regiment, Parachute Regiment and the Madras Regiment.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, General Officer Commanding, Karnataka and Kerala sub-area, Major General Ravi Murugan said each of these contingents represent regiments with glorious histories and unique traditions.

The parade will be supported by a fly-past of Army Aviation Dhruv and Rudra helicopters.

Besides, various weapon systems of the Indian Army like the K9 Vajra Self Propelled Guns, Pinaka Rockets, T-90 Tanks, BMP-2 Infantry Fighting Vehicle, Tunguska Air Defence System, 155 mm Bofors Guns, Light Strike Vehicles, Swathi Radar and different assaults bridges will also be on static display.

Major General Murugan said the Army Day is being conducted out of the national capital for the first time as part of the Government of India's initiative to take major events away from the National Capital Region to different parts of the country.

A Military Tattoo is also organised on the evening of January 15, which will be attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Recommendation of *satvik* food by seers condemned

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Educationists and various organisations have condemned the State government's move to hold meetings with religious heads and seers to implement 'value education' in school education and strongly opposed the proposal to introduce *satvik* food for schoolchildren.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, V.P. Niranjanaradhya, development educationist, said, "Why do religious leaders have to comment about nutrition of poor children in public schools and exert so much pressure about what these children should eat?."

Sylvia Karpagam, public health doctor and researcher, said, "Just as doctors and nutritionists should not be giving lecture about religion, religious leaders should stick to their domain and not interfere in education, health or nutrition."

"The malnutrition crisis in Karnataka especially among OBC, Dalit and Adivasi children is too serious to be addressed by religious leaders. We support the Department of School Education and Literacy for conducting baseline survey on preference for egg as well as the nutritional benefits and then providing eggs to those children who are traditionally used to eating eggs. That is a scientific approach that we endorse and appreciate. What is of concern is that Muslim and Christian and other progressive Hindu leaders have not challenged this caste based imposition of food," she said.

Ajay Kamath, State secretary for AIDSO, said, "The government is trying to push religion into education and imposing the food habits of one section of the society on the rest, and it is highly undemocratic and unethical."

Go First apologises for leaving behind 55 passengers at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after Go First Airlines left behind 55 passengers at the Kempegowda International Airport, the budget carrier on Tuesday apologised to the passengers.

On January 9, 55 passengers who were bound to New Delhi from Bengaluru on a 6.30 a.m. flight were left behind in a bus on the tarmac. The stranded passengers were later accommodated in another flight a few hours later.

"We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused to the passengers due to an inadvertent oversight in the reconciliation of flight G8 116, from Bengaluru to Delhi. Passengers were accommodated on alternate airlines to Delhi and onward to other destinations," said a Go First spokesperson.

The airline which was also issued a show-cause notice from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for leaving behind the passengers said that it will offer all affected passengers one free ticket for travel on any domestic sector in the next 12 months.

Staff off roster

Further, the airline has initiated an inquiry into the incident and said that the matter is being investigated. Besides, all concerned staff have been taken off the roster till the inquiry is on. "The airline has issued a notice to the ground handling agency," said the spokesperson.

KIA's T2 to start operations on Sunday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Terminal 2 (T2) of Kempegowda International Airport will commence operations on January 15.

Regional airline Star Air will shift its operations to T2, becoming the first airline to operate out of here.

Hari Marar, MD and CEO of Bangalore International Airport Ltd. (BIAL), said, "We are ready to welcome customers of Star Air at our newly inaugurated Terminal 2. The new terminal will soon be opening doors to passengers of other airlines as well."

Simran Singh Tiwana, CEO, Star Air, said, "We are excited to be the first airline to transition to this new terminal on the cusp of our 4th anniversary."

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation
Civil Engineering Department, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.
No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/1158 / 2022-23 Date: 09.01.2023

e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No. 22/2022-23

Two cover system item rate tender is invited for the work of **"Arranging 11KV HT Power supply to an extent of 4200 KVA for EV Charging at BMTC Bus Depot-32, Suryacity, Bengaluru", Amount put to tender: Rs. 66.00 Lakhs , EMD: Rs. 1,32,000 /- .** The tender is invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ordinance of 2000, and Act 2000, from the Class-I Electrical Contractors/Firms registered in Department of Electrical Inspectorate, GoK. In e-Procurement the contractors/firms will have to upload all informations, documents and rates etc in website only. i.e. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted in person physically. **(1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **27.01.2023**, Date of opening of tender: **30.01.2023.** (2) Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PARVATHI M P S, W/o Madhava Ithal, R/at No.38, 2nd Floor, 9th 'B' Cross, 2nd Stage West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560086, declare that, the two names, Parvathi M P S and Parvathi Madhava Ithal, belongs to me, one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 08-01-2023 before Notary K.S.Giridhar, Bengaluru.

I, Annee Saji W/o Saji Thomas R/o. 23 Unique Concord Layout,Kammasandra Village, Bidrahalli Post, Bangalore-560049, have changed my name to Anee Saji for all purposes

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The State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, A.MANVAL Kumar, S/o S. Andrew, R/o # 24, 2nd Main Road, Gowthamapura, Galasuru, Bengaluru-560008 have changed my name from A. Manval Kumar to Mannuel Kumar A, vide affidavit dated 10-01-2023 before Notary A. R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26 ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE CCH:20
O.S. No. 25924 / 2020

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd. **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Vinaya Chandran Kookkal., **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Vinaya Chandran Kookkal
S/o. Mrs. K. Kamalakshy,
Aged about 32 years,
Residing at No. E 102,
Trinity Sun Rise,
Sompura Village,
Bangalore - 562125.

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs. 2,23,962.36 (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Two Paise Thirty Six Only)** together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.

Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore Court (CCH:20) on 15/02/2023 At 11:00 AM either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex- parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 03rd day of January, 2022.

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall (Unit) Bangalore

Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors,
No.66, 4th Cross,
Xavier Layout,
Bangalore-560047.

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 21)
O.S. NO. 25514/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Bonasi Balakrishna **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
MR. BONASI BALAKRISHNA,
S/O. SRI. RAMULU BONASI,
AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS,
DOOR NO.416, 10TH CROSS, 11TH MAIN, BEML LAYOUT, WHITEFIELD,
NEAR BROOKFIELD,
BANGALORE- 560 037

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,53,572/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble IV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **14/02/2023** at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 04/11/2022.

By order of the Hon'ble Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit,
Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
S A Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-87)
COM O.S NO. 1411/2022

M/s. ICICI Bank Limited,
having its registered office at: Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M. **...Plaintiff**
And:
M/s. Om Sai Transport and other **...Defendants**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendants:
a) Om Sai Transport,
Represented by its Proprietor-Subash P, R /at 31, 2nd Floor, Swamy Complex, Madanayakanahalli, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560125.
b) Subash P. S/o. Prahalad,
Aged about 51 Years,
R/at: 01, 8th Cross, Kamath Layout, Channanayakan Palya, Nagasandra, Bengauru-560 073, E-Mail ID: omsaitransportsubash1796@gmail.com **...DEFENDANTS**

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 5,84,833.39/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-87), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **17.02.2023** at 11:00 A.M to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 4th day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates
No. 701 Queens Corner 'A',
#3, Queens Road, Bengaluru-01.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUJATHA Kota Lakshman, R/at Flat No.001, Elegant Pearl, 34/1, Thambu Chetty Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru-560005, have changed my name to Sujatha Shetty vide affidavit dated 10-01-2023 before Notary M.K. Devaki, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-87)
Hg. 17/02/2023
COM O.S NO. 1413/2022

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M. **...Plaintiff**
And
M/s. Sanvi Decor & another **...Defendants**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendants:
a) M/s. Sanvi Decor,
A Partnership Firm, Office at: No.71, Ground Floor, 24th A Cross, Karesandra, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengauru-560 070, Represented by its Partner-Satish Masur
b) Satish Masur
S/o. Ramalingappa, Aged about 48 Years
c) Pushpalatha M. Kulkarni,
W/o. Mahadev, Aged about 60 Years, Both residing at: No.2203/0, 24th Cross, 5th Main Nearby, Uphar Sagar Hotel, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengauru- 560 070.
E-Mail ID: satishrmasur@gmail.com

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 12,10,698.74/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-87), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 17/02/23 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 04th day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01

ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED ELCOT
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IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 25973/2022

BETWEEN :
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Mrs. Vidya Ayyanagouda Patil ...Defendant

Summons to Defendant
To,
Mrs. Vidya Ayyanagouda Patil
D/o Sri. Chayagol Ashok,
Aged about 47 years,
No. 374, 6th Cross, Wilson Garden, Opposite Narmada School, Bangalore - 560 027
...Defendant

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 6,50,949/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Nine Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 22)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **17.02.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **04.01.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT,
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT, BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. NO. 25763/2021

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, #4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. James Chirstopher Nigel **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. James Christopher Nigel,
S/o Mr. Antony James, Aged about 41 years, No.52, Wing, 2ndBlock, ARK Service Country, Near NIVJ College, Channasandra, Kodakodi, Bangalore - 560 067

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.7,11,732/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble IV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 14/02/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 04/11/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE IV ADDL., CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU [CH-21]
O.S. No. 25188/2021

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK Ltd.,
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore- 560 068
And represented by its Collection Manager
Mr. Pramodh G. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. Girish H. ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
MR. GIRISH H. L.
S/o. Linga Shatty,
Aged about 43,
R/at No.1, 1st Main 7th Cross, Sanjeevini Nagar, Hegganhalli, Near Om Shakthi Temple, Viswaneedam, Bangalore- 560091.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 4,96,457.46/- as on 29/01/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble IV Addl., City Civil Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore** (CH-21) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 28/02/2023 at 11:00 AM, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 05th day of January, 2023.

By order of this Hon'ble Court
Asst. Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW,
ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor, Indian Express Building No.1, Queens Road Bengaluru- 560001
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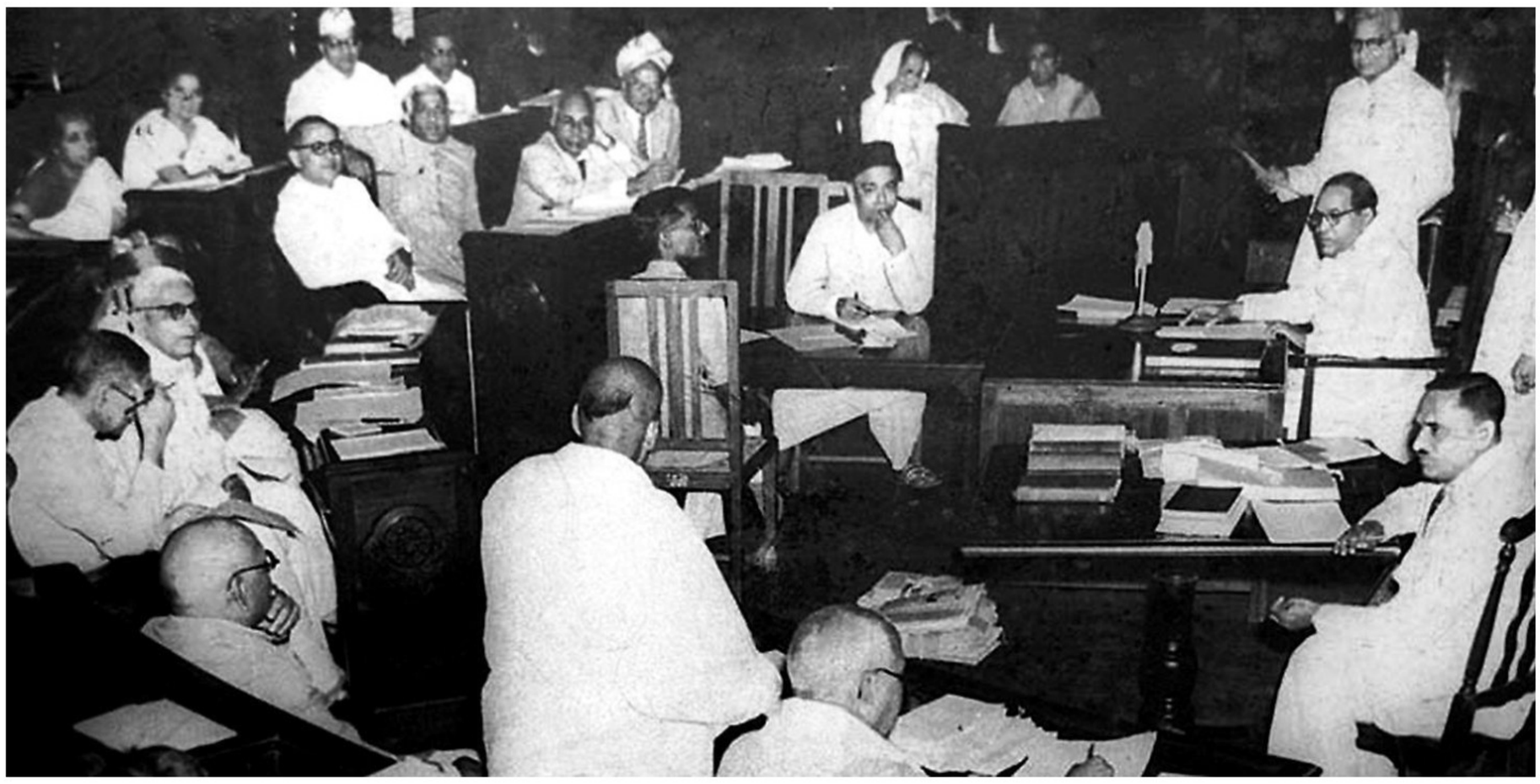

Constituent Assembly meeting: Article 1 of the Constitution says "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States".

The 'Union' government sends out a message of unity and confluence

The term 'Centre' is absent in the Constitution as the Constituent Assembly did not want to centralise power. The emphasis at that time was on the consolidation of various provinces and territories to form a strong united country

Mukund P. Unny

In light of the Tamil Nadu governor's recent remarks on the question of using 'Union' to refer to the Government of India, this article dated June 24, 2021 by Mukund. P. Unny, elaborates on how the term reflects the original intent of the founding fathers of the Constitution.

The Tamil Nadu government's decision to shun the usage of the term 'Central government' in its official communications and replace it with 'Union government' is a major step towards regaining the consciousness of our Constitution. Seventy-one years since we adopted the Constitution, it is time we regained the original intent of our founding fathers beautifully etched in the parchment as Article 1: "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States". If a student of Indian polity attempts to trace the origin of the term 'Central government', the Constitution will disappoint him, for the Constituent Assembly did not use the term 'Centre' or 'Central government' in all of its 395 Articles in 22 Parts and eight Schedules in the original Constitution. What we have are the 'Union' and the 'States' with the executive powers of the Union wielded by the President acting on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister. Then, why did the courts, the media and even the States refer to the Union government as the 'Centre'?

Even though we have no reference to the 'Central government' in the Constitution, the General Clauses Act, 1897 gives a definition for it. The 'Central government' for all practical purposes is the President after the commencement of the Constitution. Therefore, the real question is whether such definition for 'Central government' is constitutional as the Constitution itself does not approve of centralising power.

Intent of Constituent Assembly

On December 13, 1946, Jawaharlal Nehru introduced the aims and objects of the Assembly by resolving that India shall be a Union of territories willing to join the "Independent Sovereign Republic". The emphasis was on the consolidation and confluence of various provinces and territories to form a strong united country.

Many members of the Constituent Assembly were of the opinion that the principles of the British Cabinet Mission Plan (1946) be adopted, which contemplated a Central government with very limited powers whereas the provinces had substantial autonomy. The Partition and the violence of 1947 in Kashmir forced the Constituent Assembly to revise its approach and it resolved in favour of a strong Centre. The possibility of the secession of States from the Union weighed on the minds of the drafters of the Constitution and ensured that the Indian Union is "indestructible". In the Constituent Assembly, B.R Ambedkar, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, observed that the word 'Union' was advisedly used in order to negative the right of secession of States by emphasising, after all, that "India shall be a Union of States". Ambedkar justified the usage of 'Union of States' saying that the Drafting Committee wanted to make it clear that though India was to be a federation, it was not the result of an agreement and that therefore, no State has the right to secede from it. "The federation is a Union because it is indestructible," Ambedkar said .

The usage of 'Union of States' by Ambedkar was not approved by all and faced criticisms from Maulana Hasrat Mohani who argued that Ambedkar was changing the very nature of the Constitution. Mohani made a fiery speech in the Assembly on September 18, 1949 where he vehemently contended that the usage of the words 'Union of States' would obscure the word 'Republic'. Mohani went to the extent of saying that Ambedkar wanted the 'Union' to be "something like the Union proposed by Prince Bismarck in Germany, and after him adopted by Kaiser William and after him by Adolf Hitler". Mohani continued, "He (Ambedkar) wants all the States to come under one rule and that is what we call Notification of the Constitution. I think Dr. Ambedkar is also of that view, and he wants to have that kind of Union. He wants to bring all the units, the provinces and the groups of States, everything under the thumb of the Centre."

However, Ambedkar clarified that "the Union is not a league of States, united in a loose relationship; nor are the States the agencies of the Union, deriving powers from it. Both the Union and the States are created by the Constitution, both derive their respective authority from the Constitution. The one is not subordinate to the other in its own field... the authority of one is coordinate with that of the other".

The sharing of powers between the Union and the States is not restricted to the executive organ of the government. The judiciary is designed in the Constitution to ensure that the Supreme Court, the tallest court in the country, has no superintendence over the High Courts. Though the Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction – not only over High Courts but also over other courts and tribunals – they are not declared to be subordinate to it.

In fact, the High Courts have wider powers to issue prerogative writs despite having the power of superintendence over the district and subordinate courts. Parliament and Assemblies identify their boundaries and are circumspect to not cross their boundaries when it comes to the subject matter on which laws are made. However, the Union Parliament will prevail if there is a conflict.

Word play

The members of the Constituent Assembly were very cautious of not using the word 'Centre' or 'Central government' in the Constitution as they intended to keep away the tendency of centralising of powers in one unit. The 'Union government' or the 'Government of India' has a unifying effect as the message sought to be given is that the government is of all. Even though the federal nature of the Constitution is its basic feature and cannot be altered, what remains to be seen is whether the actors wielding power intend to protect the federal feature of our Constitution.

As Nani Palkhivala famously said, "The only satisfactory and lasting solution of the vexed problem is to be found not in the statute-book but in the conscience of men in power".

Mukund P. Unny is an advocate practising in the Supreme Court of India

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On January 11, 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first aviator to fly solo from Hawaii to California. A quiz on some of the firsts in aviation

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
These two brothers were aviation pioneers, balloonists, and paper manufacturers from France. They invented a hot air balloon which launched the first confirmed piloted ascent by humans in 1783. The brothers invented a process to manufacture transparent paper looking like vellum, and one of the brothers invented the first self-acting hydraulic ram. Name the brothers.

QUESTION 2
This was the first balloon flight to another planet, which happened in 1985. Later, the spacecraft's motherships were used to intercept Halley's Comet. Name the spacecraft, and the planet the balloon travelled to.

QUESTION 3
This aircraft made the first sustained flight in 1903, marking the beginning of the pioneer era of aviation. Name the aeroplane and the inventors.

QUESTION 4
He received the first official pilot's licence. He also completed the first aeroplane flight across the English Channel, in 1909, to win a £1,000 Daily Mail prize. Identify the aviator.

QUESTION 5
She became the first woman in the U.S. to receive a pilot certificate. In 1912, she became the first woman to fly across the English Channel. Identify the person.

QUESTION 6
Jessica Cox flew in a single-engine aeroplane for the first time via Wright Flight (2004). What is she known for? Name the award-winning documentary on her.

Visual question:
Identify this helicopter operating on Mars as part of NASA's Mars 2020 mission. What is the milestone associated with this helicopter?

Questions and Answers of the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The name of the harvest festival of the Garo tribe. **Ans: Wangala**
2. The harvest festival of Nuakhai is celebrated in this State. **Ans: Odisha**
3. Pongal is celebrated in this Tamil month. **Ans: Thai**
4. This harvest festival is celebrated in the Punjab region of India and Pakistan. **Ans: Lohri**
5. Bihu is a set of three important Assamese festivals in Assam. Out of the three, this harvest festival is celebrated in mid-January. **Ans: 'Bhogali' or 'Magh Bihu'**
Visual: The inscription on the stone. **Ans: Jallikattu**
Early Birds: C. Saravanan| Vinoth A. R.| Monika. R| Saikrit Gulati| Dhiraj Singh Rawat

ABSTRACT

Understand economics to know policy

This paper highlights the importance of instilling knowledge of economics among the public

Prashanth Perumal

Nall, Clayton and Elmendorf, Christopher S. and Oklobdzija, Stan, Folk Economics and the Persistence of Political Opposition to New Housing (November 2, 2022). https://ssrn.com/abstract=4266459

Economists usually blame special interest groups for the prevalence of bad economic policies. The adverse effects of such policies can turn out to be destructive in the long run. In the U.S., for instance, housing policy that restricts supply is estimated to have lowered overall economic growth by more than a third between 1964 and 2009. It is also estimated that housing prices in the most heavily-regulated metropolitan markets are about three times more than what they would have been in the absence of these regulations which restrict the supply of houses. The narrow economic interests of landlords have usually been blamed for the prevalence of bad housing policy. After all, restricting housing supply helps keep housing rents high, which in turn works to the favour of landlords. This is why many economists recommend the abolition of restrictive zoning and land-use planning laws.

Prices need to rise before they drop

Yet another crucial factor may be behind the widespread prevalence of bad economic policies. In "Folk Economics and the Persistence of Political Opposition to New Housing," researchers Clayton Nall, Chris Elmendorf, and Stan Oklobdzija document how public misunderstanding about economics can lead to bad housing policy. It is widely accepted by economists that the supply of a good or service has to first rise for its price to drop, thus making the good or service accessible to more people. This means that if policymakers want to make a good or service widely available to the public, they need to implement policies that boost supply. It would be expected that such a fundamental principle of economics would be widely known among the general public. But the authors of the paper found that only about 30 to 40% of respondents actually believed that an increase in the housing stock would cause housing prices to drop. In fact, about a third of the respondents believed that a rise in the housing supply would cause housing prices and rents to rise rather than drop. Moreover, many people seem to blame real estate developers who play a crucial role in the housing supply chain for high housing prices. This may be due to the common myth that profiteering by greedy developers, rather than insufficient supply, is what causes housing prices and rents to be so high. The results of this study highlight the importance of instilling a basic understanding of economics among the general public. Given that public understanding of economics can play a significant role in shaping government policy, ignorance of basic economics can have a huge impact on economic growth.

Word of the day

Empanel:
enter into a list of prospective jurors; select from a list (used as a verb)

Synonyms: impanel, panel

Usage: *How are the judges empanelled for these competitions?*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/empanelpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪmˈpanl,ɛmˈpanl/

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Victim left late to office on fateful day

Family members blame metro authorities and seek action against them for death of the woman and her two-and-a-half-year-old son

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Tejaswini, 28, and her two-and-a-half-year-old son, victims of the metro structure collapse on Tuesday morning, could have been saved if they had left for office on time, said the victim's sister Sushma.

"Unfortunately, Tejaswini, who was working at a private company in Manyata Tech Park, was late by half an hour to office on Tuesday and became the victim," Ms. Sushma told *The Hindu*.

Tejaswini, along with her husband Lohith Kumar, 33, and their twins (a son and a daughter), were on a bike going to office while also dropping their twins to school, which is also on the tech park premises. "Tejaswini usually is at office by 10 a.m., but on Tuesday, they were running late and met with the accident at 10.30 a.m. It is a clear negligence of authorities that I lost my sister and her baby (Vihan)," Ms. Sushma added.

Tejaswini and her son Vihan. ANI

Lohith Kumar works as a civil engineer and his daughter Vismita, one of the twins, escaped with injuries and is being treated at a private hospital in HBR Layout. The family resides in Horamavu and hails from Gadag district.

Meanwhile, Lohith's father Vijayakumar urged the government to punish the officials who are responsible for the deaths. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Vijayakumar said, "I don't have words to express myself. I never expected to lose my daughter-in-law and grandson this way. I want those responsible for their death to be punished." "The government and metro agency should take all safety measures during construction work. Other people should feel safe while travelling near the metro construction sites," he added.

Citizens apprehensive over safety measures at construction sites

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Radhamma (name changed), a senior citizen living in HBR Layout, close to where a collapsed metro reinforcement structure claimed the lives of a mother and son, was taking bath when she heard a scream. Her apartment is a few hundred metres away from where the accident took place.

She rushed to the spot in a few minutes only to notice two persons crushed. She said her heart broke for the child and his mother.

She also added that the incident had created fear in her mind to commute on the same road again. Those who witnessed the tragic incident on Tuesday morning shared similar apprehensions.

Describing the events of the morning, a security guard nearby said, "It was around 9.45 a.m. when, just as I was watching, within four to five seconds, the structure leaned and crashed into a tree and subsequently fell on the two-wheeler. I heard a thud when it happened. I did not imagine that such a tragedy would occur."

With metro construction work going on in many parts of the city, people expressed fear after the incident. Some people who travel on ORR every day accused BMRCL of using substandard materials for construction.

"There is no guarantee about the sturdiness of these pillars. This morning, I was just a few metres behind when this structure gave in and before a few people gathered and lifted it up, we could see that the child was fatally injured," said a delivery executive.

BMRCL responds

However, BMRCL officials said that this was an isolated incident. "We have been doing metro work for 10 years. This is the first time something of this magnitude has happened," said Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL.

IISc likely to probe incident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) plans to request the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to investigate and provide a report on Tuesday's accident.

In a press release, BMRCL said notices are being issued to the contractor and engineers concerned. "IISc will be requested to investigate and provide a report. An internal technical team will also investigate the matter," the release stated.

Father, daughter recovering

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The victim's husband and daughter have suffered minor injuries and are being treated at Altius Multispeciality Hospital as out-patients.

Mahesh S.B., anaesthetist-cum-emergency specialist at the hospital, said the mother and son were brought in a critical condition. "Their pulse had dropped and despite all efforts to revive them, they could not survive," he said.

From Page One

Woman, toddler son die

"BMRCL will cover the entire cost of treatment of the injured persons. The construction work at the site will stop for two days. What has fallen down is a reinforcement structure, not a pillar. It was not a concrete structure. It has four ropes, and one of them seems to have broken. We're asking Indian Institute of Science to provide a report on this incident. We will also get our internal team to investigate the matter. This is the first time something of this magnitude has happened."

BMRCL in a media release said that notices are being issued to the contractor and the engineers concerned. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also announced compensation to the victims' family. "Under the CM relief fund, ₹10 lakh each will be given to the kin of the deceased as compensation. It is an unfortunate incident and I have ordered a detailed probe," Mr Bommai said in Dharwad.

Result of 40% commission: Congress

Criticising the government, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar alleged that this is the result of the "40% commission government" and alleged that there is no quality in the work.

Former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy said, "The authorities have failed to take the safety measures and the government should take action against both BMRCL and the contractor concerned."

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:10
RISE 21:49	SET 09:50
THURSDAY, JAN. 12	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:10
RISE 22:35	SET 10:26
FRIDAY, JAN. 13	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:11
RISE 23:21	SET 11:01

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	18
Mysuru	30	15
Bengaluru	28	14

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Six-year-old girl run over by bus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A six-year-old UKG student of a private school died after she came under the wheels of her school bus on the outskirts of Kanakapura on Monday.

The deceased, Rakshitha, a student of Sri Sai International School and daughter of Swamy from Siddenahalli, was returning home in the bus when the accident happened.

According to the police, Rakshitha was sitting in the front seat, close to the door. The attendant, who dropped a few students, forgot to the close the door.

Fell out

The driver applied sudden brake while negotiating a curve. As a result, Rakshitha lost balance, and fell out of the bus through the open door, and came under the wheels, said the police.

Passers-by noticing the accident, raised an alarm to stop the bus, pulled out Rakshitha and rushed her to a hospital where she was declared as brought dead.

Sensing trouble, the driver and the attendant of the bus escaped.

The Kanakapura rural police have registered a case of death due to negligence, and rash and negligent driving against the driver and attendant, and efforts are on to track them down.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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No: EE/P-E/Auction-1/2022-23 Date: 10.01.2023

"E-AUCTION TENDER NOTIFICATION"
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, (Project-East Division), BBMP, Bengaluru, invites E-Auction bids for Renting 8th, 13th, 19th and 24th Vacant Floors in Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose (P.U.B), M.G. Road, Bengaluru -560 001 as per below Indent Nos. through e-Procurement Portal conducted by Auction Management, e-Procurement Cell, Centre for e-Governance, Government of Karnataka, **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl. No.	INDENT Nos.	EMD AMOUNT (in Rs.)
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Calendar of Events: 1) Date of E-Auction Publish: **10.01.2023, 14.00 hrs.** (2) Last date for participation in the Auction: **27.01.2023 upto 16:00 hrs.** (3) Live Auction bidding start & end date & time: **30.01.2023 from 11:00 hrs. to 16:00 hrs.**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
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(2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/77 Dated: 09.01.2023 for **Providing 1 Incomer and 2 Feeders MCVCB switchgear power Transformer-01 at 66/11kV MUSS, KPTCL, Chitradurga in 220kV RS & SS Division Chitradurga on Partial Turn Key Basis.**

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HC questions conduct of govt. in delaying CBI's request to attach Reddy's property

ILLEGAL MINING CASE

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BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday questioned the conduct of the State government in sitting on the request of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for grant of approval to move the special court in Bengaluru for attaching certain additional properties belonging to former Minister G. Janardhana Reddy, who is the prime accused in an illegal mining case.

When the government in 2015 had already granted approval to attach his properties worth ₹65.05 crore, why had the government kept pending CBI's present request, made on August 30, 2022, seeking approval for attaching additional properties worth ₹19.14 crore, the court questioned.

G. Janardhana Reddy

The Central Bureau of Investigation's request, made on August 30, 2022, sought approval to attach additional property worth ₹19.14 crore

Two days' time

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while granting two days for the State government to respond to CBI's petition, in which the investigating agency has sought a direction to the State Chief Secretary to expeditiously consider the request for approval.

"The CBI took up investigation of Illegal mining scam on apex court's directions and had filed charge sheet against Mr. Reddy, his companies and others for having caused loss of ₹198 crore to the State exchequer.

Earlier request

The CBI's earlier request for attachment of some properties was approved by the State government in 2015 and the present request for attachment was submitted based on further inquiry," pointed P. Prasanna Kumar, CBI's Special Public Prosecutor. Further hearing has been adjourned till January 12.

Siddaramaiah picks 'safe' seat of Kolar to help ease of campaign across State

But, resolving the feud between Muniyappa and Ramesh Kumar will throw up challenges; the former CM is seen as a mass leader in the party

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Nearly half-a-dozen legislators had appealed to Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to contest from constituencies such as Varuna, Chamarajpet, Hebbal, Chamundeshwari, or Koppal. But the reasons for his choice of Kolar for the 2023 Assembly polls, regarded a "safe seat" by some, is still being debated.

One of the reasons for his choice appears to be a compulsion to spend sufficient days during the campaign criss-crossing constituencies across Karnataka to take on the might of the BJP. As a man nursing ambitions of becoming the Chief Minister for a second term, it is not good enough to win his own seat but he should also ensure the party's victory. Kolar is just 60 km away from Bengaluru and would make this easier, not tying him down to his own constituency.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who earned his popularity by implementing multiple welfare programmes branded as "Bhagya" schemes, is apparently the main campaigner for the party. He is seen as the mass leader across State especially suited to talk about issues of communal polarisation.

Congress leaders D.K. Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah performing puja for the 'Praja Dhwani' campaign bus in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

After experiencing a bitter lesson in 2018, Kolar appears "safe" for Mr. Siddaramaiah. The constituency has a good vote bank of Ahinda (the Kannada acronym for minorities, backward classes and Dalits). Kolar has an estimated 60,000 SC/ST voters, about 50,000 voters of each of Kuruba and Muslims communities, who largely benefited during his tenure as Chief Minister. The Vokkaliga community, which is seen as distant with the Congress leader, has nearly 40,000 votes and remains to be seen how it pans out during campaign.

In 2018, K. Srinivas Gowda (JD-S) defeated Syed Zameer Pasha (Congress) by a margin of 44,251 votes. Mr. Gowda, who was expelled from the JD(S), joined the Congress and is now vacating the seat for Mr. Siddaramaiah.

The JD(S) has already announced C.M.R. Srinath, a Vokkaliga, as its Kolar candidate. The BJP proposed to field former Minister R. Varthur Prakash, also a Kuruba. Mr. Prakash won as an Independent in Kolar in 2013 and was Mr. Siddaramaiah's one-time aide. Now, Mr. Prakash has vowed to defeat Mr. Siddaramaiah. The BJP had bagged just 12,458 votes in 2018, and the party is unlikely to challenge the Congress in 2023 also.

In 2018, as the incumbent Chief Minister, he had contested from both Chamundeshwari and Badami. He lost in the former, but managed to win latter by just 1,696 votes.

Sources said Mr. Siddaramaiah considered seeking re-election from Badami "politically risky" as he may not get enough time to spend in other segments. He had an option of returning to Varuna now represented by his son Yathindra, but this would have meant denying the seat to Dr. Yathindra.

Muniyappa factor

However, importantly, he has to contend with the long feud between K.H. Muniyappa, the seven-time MP from Kolar, and MLA and former Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar in the new constituency.

Not surprisingly, before heading to Kolar on Monday, Mr. Siddaramaiah visited the residence of Mr. Muniyappa in Bengaluru, hoping to bring about truce. He is hopeful that the appointment of former Minister M.R. Seetharam, loyalist of Mr. Siddaramaiah, as in-charge of the Kolar District Congress, would make things easier.

Cong. leaders' bus yatra from Belagavi today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the Karnataka Legislative Assembly election is just a few months away, the State Congress leaders will begin their election tour 'Praja Dhwani' from Wednesday covering 21 districts during which the party will expose the "misdeeds" of the ruling BJP government.

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar will travel in the same bus until January 29. After that, in the second week of February, a team headed by Mr. Siddaramaiah will visit every Assembly constituency in north Karnataka, while Mr. Shivakumar will lead his team in south Karnataka.

The KPCC chief said the party chose Belagavi as the starting point for the tour as this was where Mahatma Gandhi chaired the historic 1924 session of the Congress.

"The BJP formed government through unethical means. So, we are going to take out a bus yatra which will cover all districts starting from Belagavi," Mr. Siddaramaiah alleged.

The Congress released a "chargesheet" listing out price rise, corruption, policy paralysis, and unfulfilled promises.

Lookout notice issued against 'Santro' Ravi; police inspector suspended for links with him

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) on Tuesday suspended police inspector Praveen for allegedly colluding with the sex racket kingpin and power broker Manjunath alias 'Santro' Ravi to foist a theft case against two women after they refused to cooperate with the accused in his activities.

Meanwhile, a lookout circular has been issued against Santro Ravi to prevent his escape from the country, said Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Alok Kumar.

"One of victims, a 19-year-old accountant trapped by Ravi and later booked under false theft

Police inspector Praveen allegedly colluded with the sex racket kingpin Manjunath alias 'Santro' Ravi to foist a theft case against two women after they refused to cooperate with the accused

case, had to spend around 20 days in judicial custody at the Parappana Agrahara Central prison for an offence they never committed," said a senior police officer. Soon after they came out on bail in the last week of December, one of the victims approached the Mysuru-based NGO Odanadi Seva Samthe and narrated their ordeal.

Based on the complaint, a departmental enquiry was initiated against Praveen and it was learnt that not only had the theft not happened, but also that the finance company where the theft was alleged to have taken place was fictitious.

FIR filed

About three to four special teams had been constituted and dispatched to Mandya, Ramanagaram, Bengaluru city, and Bengaluru rural, besides Mysuru city and district to trace the accused, who has managed to remain absconding even eight days after an FIR was registered against him, said Mr. Alok Kumar, speaking in Mysuru.

CM to have breakfast with graveyard workers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will have breakfast with graveyard workers in Bengaluru on Wednesday in an initiative to reach out to those involved in demanding physical labour work at the grassroot levels, even as they face stigma.

'Express gratitude'

About 100 to 150 workers are expected to participate in the breakfast which is a gesture to express gratitude towards their contribution to society, sources in the Chief Minister's office said.

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NOTIFICATION

No. CB/136th ICC/2022-23/83
Date: 04.01.2023

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No. PWD/40/PRAMC/2022-23/1075 Date: 10/01/2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD on behalf of Governor of Karnataka, invites short term tenders for 02 Road Safety Work in Davanagere and 01 Road Safety Work in Tumkur District. Further details can be obtained from Karnataka e-procurement portal (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 11/01/2023 04:30PM onwards.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRAMC, PWD, Bangalore.

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No. EE/ELE/RRN/TEND/01/2022-23 Dated : 10-01-2023

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3	Replacement of damaged UG Cable, Panel Board, poles and fittings etc., at Ullal lake park. **(Others)**	4.87	12,200/-
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5	Replacement of damaged UG Cable, Panel Board, poles and fittings etc., at parks and play grounds comes under RR Nagara Constituency. **(SC)**	7.14	9,000/-
6	Replacement of damaged UG Cable, Panel Board, poles and fittings etc., at parks and play grounds comes under Yeshwanthpura Constituency. **(SC)**	4.39	6,000/-
7	Replacement of damaged UG Cable, Panel Board, poles and fittings etc., at JP park ward no. 38 of RR Nagar Zone. **(Others)**	3.96	9,900/-

(a) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from : **12-01-2023. (b)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16:00 hours on 19-01-2023** and Tender shall be opened on **21-01-2023 at 16.00 hrs.**
For details of registration and e-payment of EMD, visit GOK e-Procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-Procurement helpdesk at 080-25501216, 25501227.

Sd/- Executive Enigneer (Ele.), Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru-98

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

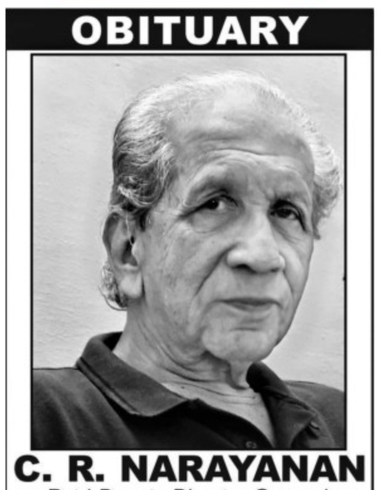
DEATH

S Ramasubramanian (89) , Retired Senior Index Assistant, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 10-01-2023. Address: New No: 17, Old No: D 42, Hindu Colony, 17th Cross Street, Nanganallur, Chennai - 600061. Contact: 9941504207

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KUMAR RAVINDRA NATH MENON
M.A. (Oxon)
01.08.1935 - 10.01.2023
Passed away peacefully, at home, surrounded by his family.
He will always be remembered by the impact he made on people around him and the institutions he served and nurtured. Above all, he believed in doing the right thing and lived life on his terms.
Condolences to farewell.krnmenon@gmail.com

OBITUARY



C. R. NARAYANAN
Retd Deputy Director General
Geological Survey of India
(DOB 4th May 1936)
Peacefully departed for his heavenly abode on 9th January 2023 at 10.15pm.
He was our guiding light and lived life on his own terms, being the rock we all depended on. He shall be cherished in our hearts forever.
Dhruv Vijairam, Ramya Vijayram, Priya Vijayram and C. Vijayram, C. Vijayanand

IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES
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Four State varsities enter into a pact with universities of Pennsylvania

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as four universities of Karnataka entered into an MoU with universities of Pennsylvania on Tuesday for collaboration in higher education.

The agreements applicable to undergraduate courses were inked in presence of Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayanan at the State Higher Education Council (SHEC) in Bengaluru. Vice-Chancellors of all the four universities of Karnataka and delegates of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) were present.

The pacts were signed between Bengaluru City University, Bangalore University, Mangalore University, and Commonwealth and Kutztown universities of Pennsylvania. The VTU entered into MoU with Millersville University.

KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Grameenabhivriddhi Bhavana, 4th & 5th Floor, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru-09.

No.: KRIDL/WKS/CMT/TND/2022-23 Date: 09.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The applications are invited for the supply of cement to KRIDL projects in Karnataka from the manufacturers with a turnover stipulated in table below per annum in last 3 financial years. Interested manufacturers to participate in the tender can view, download and apply only through the E-Governance Secretariat **website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Contact:** 91-8046010000, +91-8068948777

Sl. No.	Particulars of Tender	Qty. put to Tender in bags	Aprx. Amount Rs.in Lakhs	EMD Amount Rs. in Lakhs	Required Turnover per Annum of Firm in Lakhs
1	Tender Part-I Bengaluru & BBMP Zone	194000	698.40	10.50	2235.00
2	Tender Part-II Central (Chitraduraga) Zone	305100	1098.36	15.00	3515.00
3	Tender Part-III Mysuru Zone	325900	1173.24	15.00	3755.00
4	Tender Part-IV Belagavi Zone	359300	1185.69	15.00	3795.00
5	Tender Part-V Kalaburgi Zone	315700	1041.81	15.00	3335.00

Period of supply Three months from the date of Supply order. Last date and time for enquiry is **10.02.2023 up to 14.00hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of tender **10.02.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is on **13.02.2023 at 16.00 hrs.** Date of opening of Financial Bid is on **14.02.2023 at 16.00 hrs.**

For further details please contact Chief Engineer (BBMP)
Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd., Bengaluru-09.
Phone: 080-28015604
For information please log on to: www.kridl.org.in

DIPR/DD-C.P/4006/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Chief Engineer (BBMP)**

Study sheds light on how blackbuck survive challenges

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A new study conducted by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has shed light on how blackbuck in India have fared in the face of natural and human-induced challenges to their survival.

The blackbuck is found only on the Indian subcontinent. While males have corkscrew-shaped horns and black-to-dark brown coats, the females are fawn-coloured. The animals are mainly seen in three broad clusters across India that pertain to the northern, the southern, and the eastern regions.

This geographic separation as well as dense human habitation between the clusters would be expected to make it difficult for them to move from one location to another, said IISc.

Genetic profiling

According to IISc, the study conducted by Praveen Karanth, Professor at the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), IISc, and Ananya Jana, a former Ph.D. student from CES, is among the first-of-its-kind in its scope, which involved analysing the genetic profiles of blackbuck found across the country.

Mr. Karanth and Ms. Jana, who are senior and first authors of the study, published in Conservation Genetics, collected faecal samples of blackbuck from 12 different locations spread across eight States of India.

Analysing genetics: Blackbuck dotted across rolling grasslands. Only a few such habitats continue to thrive in India. ANANYA JANA

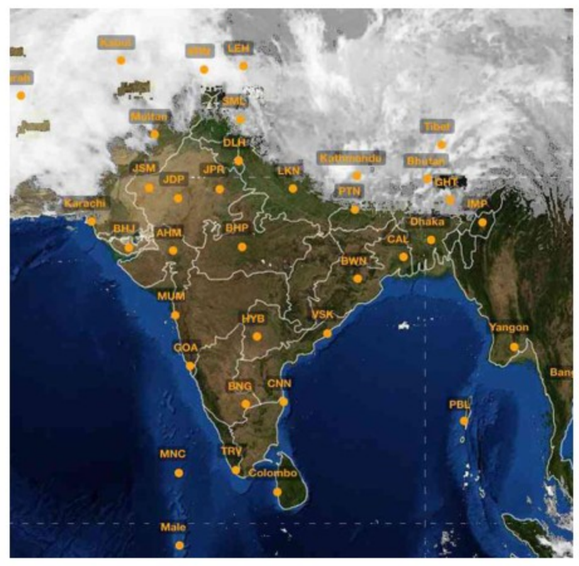
The researchers tracked the animals on foot and in vehicles from a distance to collect the samples. In the lab, they extracted and sequenced the DNA from the faecal samples to study the genetic makeup of blackbuck, and deployed computational tools to map the geographic locations with the genetic data. The team also used simulations to trace how the three present-day clusters may have evolved from their common ancestor.

What they found was that an ancestral blackbuck population first split into two groups: the northern and the southern cluster. The eastern cluster seems to have emerged from the southern cluster. Next, the team found that despite all odds, male blackbuck appear to disperse more than expected, thus contributing to gene flow in this species. Females, on the other hand, appear to stay largely within their native population ranges, which the researchers inferred from unique mitochondrial signatures in each population. The data also showed an increasing trend in blackbuck population numbers as compared to the recent past, IISc said. "So, [it] looks like this species has managed to survive in a human-dominated landscape," Mr. Karanth said.

In future studies, the researchers plan to unravel the blackbuck's secrets to surviving in the face of human-induced threats to their landscape, by studying changes in their DNA and gut microbiome.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 19.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely in isolated pockets over Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Thunderstorm with lightning likely in isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets of Punjab, Bihar, Assam and Tripura

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.6	12.0	Kozhikode	—	34.5	23.3
Ahmedabad	—	29.9	14.5	Kurnool	—	32.2	15.0
Aizawl	—	—	8.9	Lucknow	—	14.7	6.5
Allahabad	—	18.7	5.6	Madurai	—	31.5	18.4
Bengaluru	—	28.0	14.3	Mangaluru	—	34.0	20.2
Bhopal	—	25.8	7.9	Mumbai	—	33.5	17.0
Bhubaneswar	—	29.8	12.6	Mysuru	—	29.0	15.0
Chandigarh	—	14.3	8.8	New Delhi	—	18.7	6.4
Chennai	—	30.1	21.1	Patna	—	16.6	8.0
Coimbatore	—	29.4	17.0	Port Blair	—	30.6	23.6
Dehradun	—	25.1	7.5	Puducherry	—	31.2	19.3
Gangtok	—	15.8	8.0	Pune	—	29.3	11.3
Goa	—	34.8	17.2	Raipur	—	30.5	11.5
Guwahati	—	27.8	11.1	Ranchi	—	26.6	9.3
Hubballi	—	32.0	14.0	Shillong	—	17.9	8.2
Hyderabad	—	30.6	12.0	Shimla	—	18.0	7.5
Imphal	—	25.3	7.0	Srinagar	—	7.2	1.8
Jaipur	—	25.6	10.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.0	22.8
Kochi	—	31.2	23.6	Tiruchi	—	29.6	19.6
Kohima	—	20.0	5.8	Vijayawada	—	29.4	16.7
Kolkata	—	26.7	13.0	Visakhapatnam	—	30.2	19.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.40	137	.48	...128	...154	
Bengaluru	...9	..—	.57	76	...118	
Chennai	.23	..58	.39	...228	...134	
Delhi	.17	108	102	...434	...390	
Hyderabad	...3	.52	.45	...170	...152	
Kolkata	.22	4	.37	...256	...155	
Lucknow	.12	..44	155	...326	...272	
Mumbai	.32	216	.34	...343	...184	
Pune	..—	..—	..—	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	...5	..58	.50	...178	...188	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 418 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 27

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kannada writer Sara Aboobacker passes away

In her works, she delineated the lives of women, Muslim women in particular, in a nuanced manner; she had received several awards and recognitions

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU/BENGALURU

Sara Aboobacker, eminent Kannada writer, passed away at a private hospital in Mangaluru on Tuesday. She was 87.

Born in Kasaragod district of Kerala on June 30, 1936, she was a pioneering Muslim woman writer in Kannada. In her works, she delineated the lives of women, Muslim women in particular, in a nuanced manner. She was among the first girls in her community in Kasaragod to complete schooling.

Sara Aboobacker

Ms. Aboobacker shot to fame with her first novel *Chandragiri Teeradalli* in 1981, which has also been translated into many languages, including English as *Breaking Ties*. The story of young Nadira's struggles in a stifling and patriarchal setup, it was initially serialised in *Lankesh Patrike* edited by P. Lankesh and later brought out as a novel. This has also been adapted into a play.

> Sara Aboobacker's life is, among other things, a great example of how a homemaker can slowly turn into a social activist who always stood for justice and never minced words.
>
> **ASHADEVI,** critic

Chandragiri Teeradalli and many of her later books were consistently critical of patriarchy and customs that hindered a woman's freedom. Among her other important works are *Sahana*, *Vajragalu*, and *Panjara*. She was known for her straightforward and realistic style of narration that documented the lives of women around her as she saw them, particularly in coastal Karnataka and Kerala. She also translated from Malayalam into Kannada. She had received several awards and recognitions, including the Kannada Sahitya Academy award, Nadoja award, and Rajyotsava award.

Critic and her translator Vanamala Viswanatha said that in Ms. Aboobacker's death, "the pioneering voice of a true 'critical insider' has fallen silent". Recalling how as a first-generation educated woman from the Muslim community of Kasaragod Ms. Aboobacker imbibed a rebellious spirit from her lived experience in the community and her reading, she said, "The feminist strain in her self-representation of Muslim life in her very first work of fiction *Chandragiri Teeradalli* made waves in the Kannada world."

Ashadevi, critic, said that Ms. Aboobacker's life is, among other things, a great example of how a homemaker can slowly turn into a social activist who always stood for justice and never minced words. Emancipation is not what someone has to give a woman, but it is what the woman evolves into," she said, about Ms. Aboobacker and her characters.

"She was a rebel in a true sense," said writer and advocate Banu Mushtaq. At a time when Muslim writers in Kannada were in a dilemma on questions of representation, she "went ahead and wrote as she saw things, even if it meant earning the wrath of fundamentalists."

The last rites of the author were performed at the graveyard of the Zeenat Baksh Masjid in Bunder area of Mangaluru around 8 p.m. with three of her four sons in attendance.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ
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ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: INDENT 50517

(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **09.01.2023 to 31.01.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs.** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **12.01.2023 Time: 11.30 Hrs.** Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **31.01.2023 Time : 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **01.02.2023 Time: 17:30 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

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DIPR/ADK/MCA/817/22-23 dt.07.01.2023

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL
NO: RWS/Dn/KPL/SBM/2022-23/1627 Dt: 07.01.2023

E-PROCURMENT NOTIFICATION
Double Cover System

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for 2021-22 SBM SCHEME The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through e-procurement mode through portol http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

General Information: 1)Contractor should submit the Tender Bid Documents through Online Only. 2)All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. 3)EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only. 4)Two Cover Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from 09/01/2023

Tender Processing Fee:As Per E-Procurement. Tender Period : **90 Days.** If Any Quarries : **13/01/2023 Time:11:00 AM.** Tender receiving Date and Time : **17/01/2023 Time: 16:00 PM .** Technical Bid Opening Date and Time: **18/01/2023 Date:16:30 Hours.** Financial Bid Opening after approval of the technical bid from the Competent Authority : **20/01/2023 or After Obtaining the Technical Bid Approval from the Competent Authority**

The Contractors should produce the Original Documents within 8 days from the open of the tender. If failed such Contractor candidature will not be considered.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/556/MCA/2022-23

DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY
Office of the Director, No. 49, Khanija Bhavan, South Block, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001. Phone No: 080-22384134/35

No: DMG/TS/Iron Ore/2022-23 Date: 09.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bids are invited in Two Cover System from the eligible registered Companies/firm/agencies for **TENDER FOR CARRYING OUT CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF IRON ORE SAMPLES** for the Department Of Mines & Geology.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-rpocurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date for submission of bids is **27.01.2023, 17.30 hrs.** Bids shall be submitted online through e-procurement platform only.

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority,
Department of Mines & Geology, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/VCPL/4028/2022-23

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.3/T.No.49/2022-23/(Call-2) Dt: 05.01.2023

Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW. 1, 2 & 3
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in One & Two cover system for Class-4 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 31 work under 5054- Appendix-E Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.75.40 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.4.91 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.1,50,900/-, Min EMD Amt Rs. 6,200/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries: **20.01.2023**: 16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender. : **21.01.2023** : 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid. (More than Rs.50.00Lc) : **23.01.2023**: 11.00 4. Date of opening the Financial bid. (More than Rs.50.00Lc) : **25.01.2023 :** 17.00 5. Date of opening the Financial bid. (Less than Rs.50.00Lc) : **24.01.2023**: 16.30.

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

DIPR/TUM/843/KSMCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shivamooga District, Shivamogga.
Ph.:08182–226268 E-mail: - dudc_smg@yahoo.co.in
No.SMGDC.DUDC/PLAN/05/34554/2020 Date: 10.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) The Project director, District urban development cell, shivamogga District invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered under companies registration act 1956 or registered in PWD/Electrical inspectorate, for the works detailed in the table below. Two tender document procedure as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. **2)** Indent No.SMGDC/DUDC/PLAN/5/34554/2020 **3)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement portal website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in **4)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. **5)**. Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Project Director, DUDC, DC office, Shivamogga during working hours.

1. Date from which tender document can be downloaded: 11-01-2023 **2**. Pre-bid meeting (Through google meet only):: 23-01-2023 11:00 AM **3.** Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: 10-02-2023 5:30 PM **4.** Date & Time for opening of Technical bid: 13-02-2023 11:00 AM **5.** Date & Time for opening of Financial bid: 28-02-2023 11:00 AM or Later

Name of Work: Implementation of Energy Efficiency Project for streetlights by replacement of existing conventional lamps with LED lamps along with Centralized Control & Monitoring System (CCMS) in Shivamogga DUDC limits through PPP mode **(Indent No.** SMGDC/DUDC/PLAN/5/34554/2020) **Earnest money deposit**: Rs. 47.85 lakhs

In case of change in calendar of events, it will be published in e-procurement portal only. No separate paper notification will be given.

Sd/- Project Director, District urban development cell,
Shivamogga District.

DIPR/smg/No.79/01/mca/22-23/1652

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.
I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/Land plan survey/2022-23/ 5958
Dated:07.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement)

Invitation of tenders for the work of preparing Land Plans for the State Highways of Karnataka in jurisdiction of Vijayapur Division

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers for Preperation of Land plan survey for the State Heighways in jurisdiction of Vijayapur Division.((W.I.No. 161726) work as per standard bid documents KC-8 with 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenance head of account costing of amount for Rs. 142.25 Lakhs respectively. Time allowed for completion of work is 9 months including mansoon. The EMD amount of Rs.2,13,400.00. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows 1) The Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date-13-01-2023 @ 11.00 AM. 2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date-19-01-2023 upto 4.30 PM. 3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-21-01-2023 at 4.31PM. 4) Opening of Financial Bid Date-23-01-2023 at 11.00 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) or office of the undersigned.

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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works coming under BMAZ South Circle, Bengaluru.

I. No.: SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-1/ F- /22-23/10542-44 Date: 10.01.2023

Bid enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2021-22/EPR-18/CALL-14 Dated 28.12.2021** for the work of replacement of deteriorated tower type DA+0 at 66KV Tower No.71 in the existing 66/11KV DG3-DG4 DC line from existing 66/11KV Manyatha Tech Park Sub-station to existing 66/11KV Hoskote Sub-station near Hirandahali lake limits, Bengaluru rural.

II. No.: SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-1/ F- /22-23/10549-51 Date: 10.01.2023

Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2021-22/EPR-10/CALL-15 Dtd: 11.10.2021** in combined package for the following works:

1. Replacement of damaged, deteriorated conductor of 220KV Somanahalli-Yarandanahalli and 220kV Somanahalli - Subramanyapura line at Kulumepalya in TLM Sub-Division Somanahalli, Bengaluru.
2. Providing Intermediate Tower to increase the vertical clearance of the existing 220kV Hoody-BIAL S/C line between Tower No. 44 and 45 near Yarappanahally village Kadagrahara limits, TLM Hoody on Total Turnkey Basis.
3. Estimate for providing Double string Insulator in 220kV Tatguni - Vrushabavathi line passing Pipeline & Nice road near Ayurvedic Hospital which is identified as hazordous location, in TLM Sub-Division Somanahalli, Bengaluru.
4. Estimate for providing Double string Insulator in 220kV Khodays-Subramanyapura & 220kV Subramanyapura-Peenya lines(DC) are passing Pipeline at Gubbalala which is identified as hazordous location, in TLM Sub-Division Somanahalli, Bengaluru.
5. Increasing the vertical clearance of existing 220kV Somanahalli-HSR and Somanahalli-Naganthapura line at Basavanapura, near Abhaya Laksmi Narasimha temple by erecting new 220kV DB+6 NRS-Laggere design type tower by replacing the existing 220kV DC A type tower in the jurisdiction of TLM Somanahalli.
6. Increasing the vertical clearance of existing 220kV Somanahalli-HSR and Somanahalli-Naganthapura line at Begur to koppa road near Mylasandra dinne, by erecting new 'DA+9" 220 DC 'A' Tower Gadag-Bagalakote design type tower by replacing existing ' DA+0' type tower, in the jurisdiction of TLM Sub-division Somanahalli.

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'e-Procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https:.//eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11.01.2023.**

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)

MESCOM invites tenders vide respective bid enquiries as below for the following works on Total Turnkey basis in the jurisdiction of Kavoor and Bantwala Division.

Sl. No.	Bid Enquiry No.	Name of the work	Reservation Category
1.	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1932	Reconductoring of deteriorated Squirrel ACSR by Rabbit ACSR of LT Circuit of Various Transformers in Edapadavu Section of Kaikamba Sub-Division in Kavoor division.	Others
2.	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1933	Reconductoring of old deteriorated Weasel/Squirrel ACSR Conductor by Rabbit ACSR Conductor of LT Circuits of 5 Nos of transformers in Madanthyar Section of Belthangady Sub-Division, in Bantwal Division.	Others
3.	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1934	Reconductoring of old deteriorated Weasel/Squirrel ACSR Conductor by Rabbit ACSR Conductor of LT Circuits of 05Nos. of Transformers in Kalleri section of Belthangady Sub-Division, in Bantwal Division.	SC
4.	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1935	Reconductoring of old deteriorated Weasel/Squirrel ACSR Conductor by Rabbit ACSR Conductor of LT Circuits of 6 Nos of transformers in Aladangady Section of Belthangady Sub-Division, in Bantwal Division.	ST
5.	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1936	Replacement of deteriorated Squirrel ACSR Conductor by Rabbit ACSR Conductor & Bottom Corroded I Beam & Rail poles, Providing intermediate poles to minimize the span length of 11kV Nittade Feeder in Venur section of Belthangady Sub-Division in Bantwal Division.	Others

The detailed tender notification information can be obtained by logging on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.01.2023**. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

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Bad and ugly

A Governor's departure from convention has set off unsavoury events

Expectations of unsavoury events tend to fulfil themselves. The address of Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi to the Legislative Assembly to open the new year's first session yielded the sort of drama that many foresaw. Mr. Ravi has been voicing controversial political views for quite some time. His indiscreet remarks in recent days to the effect that the State should not call itself 'Tamil Nadu' and that its politics was "regressive" portended tension when he came to address the House. What was unfortunate about Mr. Ravi's approach was that this baiting of the DMK regime was carried into the legislature, of which he is an integral part. Against this backdrop, Mr. Ravi chose to skip portions of the prepared text, including a reference to the "Dravidian model of governance" and words commending the law-and-order situation in the State. There have been instances of Governors deviating from the prepared texts, but unlike in other States, this evoked an immediate backlash from Chief Minister M.K. Stalin. The constitutional convention is that the President or the Governor should not depart from the text, as it is nothing but a statement of policy of the elected government. Most Chief Ministers have in the past avoided confrontation despite the occasional departure from the convention. Mr. Stalin, however, chose to hand out an immediate riposte in the very presence of the Governor through a resolution that said the House record would reflect only the prepared text, and not the one with impromptu additions or deletions made during delivery by the Governor.

As soon as he realised the import of Mr. Stalin's speech in Tamil, Mr. Ravi walked out, apparently treating the move to adopt the resolution as an affront. The Governor need not have reacted in such a manner, as there is no reason why a deviation from convention on the Governor's part should not be met with an immediate response that was also a deviation from convention. The events highlight the consequences of a confrontationist attitude on the part of constitutional functionaries. Future confrontations can be avoided if the Governor gives up his penchant for making politically loaded remarks and is heedful of the State's political sensibilities. In the longer term, the role of the Governor in the country's constitutional scheme needs a thorough overhaul, so that incumbents in Raj Bhavan give up their sense of overlordship and focus on their core constitutional functions such as granting assent to Bills.

A riot of losers

Bolsonaro should concede defeat and ask his supporters to stand down

Well before he was defeated by Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in last year's presidential elections in Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro had repeatedly said that if he failed to get re-elected, it could only be through fraud. He called his political rivals "thieves" and warned of violence if voted out. After his election defeat, he refused to concede publicly. Two days ahead of Lula's inauguration on January 1, he left Brazil for Florida, while his supporters continued to stage camped protests outside Brasilia's Army headquarters. Unsurprisingly, a week after Lula was inaugurated, thousands of Mr. Bolsonaro's supporters stormed the institutional trinity of Brazil democracy – the presidential palace, the Supreme Court and Congress – saying the election was stolen and demanding that the military shut down Lula's government. Mr. Bolsonaro has to take the blame for what happened in Brasilia on Sunday, which was reminiscent of the January 6, 2021 riots at the U.S. Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters. While in power, he had flirted with the anti-institution, conspiracy-peddling far-right fringes of Brazilian polity. Mr. Bolsonaro, a fan of the military dictatorship, had little respect for the country's institutions. His silence, along with support from Brazil's wealthy classes, seems to have empowered the protesters to invade state institutions on Sunday.

For Lula, the riots posed the first major challenge to his presidency. He said the local police, under the control of Brasilia's Governor Ibaneis Rocha, a Bolsonaro ally, did not do enough to stop the invaders. But Lula quickly deployed federal security officials, clearing the rioters of state buildings. The Supreme Court also stepped in, ordering the military police to clear the camps of Mr. Bolsonaro's supporters outside the military headquarters, and removed Mr. Rocha from office for three months. But that is not enough. For its own political stability, Brazil should put an end to this election-related crisis. Until now, its institutions have dealt with threats from the fringe groups with maturity. But Brazil, a relatively young democracy, has a not-so-distant violent past and its leaders should not entertain any kind of threat to its democratic stability. Brazil should get to the bottom of the riots through a thorough probe; bring all the culprits, from the instigators and the financiers to the participants, to justice; and make sure that such an incident does not occur again. Meanwhile, the least Mr. Bolsonaro could do, pending probe, is to publicly concede that he was defeated in the elections, and ask his supporters to accept this fact and respect the country's Constitution.

Lessons from Russia's Ukraine war

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Russia is "a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma," said Winston Churchill in 1939, referring to the West's muddled understanding of Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union. The words of the Conservative leader, who led Britain during wartime, still ring true as the world, 10 months into Russia's invasion of Ukraine, tries to understand President Vladimir Putin's real intentions for going to war. Before the war, Mr. Putin had created an aura of power around himself and Russia. He disrupted Georgia's ambition to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); made forays into West Asia neutralising Israel and Turkey, both American allies; took Crimea without a fight; and turned Russia again into an energy superpower. But that aura has slipped as Russia's superior troops have been struggling to cope with battlefield setbacks in Ukraine.

There is still a lack of clarity and uncertainty on Russia's objectives in Ukraine and what it will do next to meet them. Despite tactical setbacks, Russia continues to fight with one hand tied behind its back. When Russian troops were retreating, Mr. Putin went ahead with the annexation of four Ukrainian regions, which practically closed off the path towards talks. He then offered talks even as his missiles kept pounding Ukrainian infrastructure. While it would take time to comprehend the different layers of the conflict which is still unfolding before us, the war itself offers some key lessons to understand contemporary geopolitics. It marks, to use Churchill's phrase, "the end of the beginning" of unilateralism, while also reminding great powers of the pitfalls of long wars.

A new world

After the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the U.S. had established a de facto unilateral hierarchy, which is rare in international relations; global politics has historically been dominated by multiple pillars. But the U.S. was at the pinnacle of its power in the 1990s. In recent years, however, there have been signs of the passing of American unilateralism. America's wars in the Muslim world did not proceed as Washington had expected. As the U.S. got stuck in Afghanistan and Iraq, Russia became more aggressive, Iran more defiant, and China more powerful. If Russia's intervention in Georgia and its annexation of Crimea; Iran's growing militancy in West Asia; and America's defeat in Afghanistan were some signs of a shift in the global order, the Ukraine war, the largest land war in Europe since the end of World War II, was its sharpest manifestation.

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Irrespective of Russia's performance in the war, Mr. Putin's decision to send troops to a NATO ally challenging the post-Soviet security architecture of Europe would go down in history as one of the pivotal moments of 21st century geopolitics. After a brief period of unilateral hierarchy, the world is returning to, what Realists call, its essential anarchy in which great powers compete for maximising their powers. But it is not clear what kind of an order, if an order emerges at all, will replace American unilateralism. The U.S. seems to have realised that the world has changed. Its response to Russia's aggression in Ukraine is a leaf from its Cold War play book. It has taken pains to keep the Western alliance together. It wants a coalition of democracies against dictatorships. It admits that the 'rules-based order' (translation: American-centric world) faces systemic challenges from Russia and China. But at the same time, it doesn't want a direct conflict with Russia. It seeks to bleed Russia out in Ukraine, an approach that U.S. President Ronald Reagan had towards the Soviet Union in Afghanistan.

Limits of power

The Ukraine war also tells us about the limitations of great powers in shaping the outcome of conflicts with smaller ones. The U.S. intervention in Vietnam, its invasion of Afghanistan, and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan are some of the best examples of great powers getting stuck in smaller theatres. But historical examples do not deter offensive nations. When Mr. Putin ordered his special military operation, it is possible that he expected quick results. But he miscalculated the power of Ukrainian nationalism (which, in his world view, was non-existent) and the resolve of the West, which he thought was weakened by internal divisions and external setbacks such as the humiliating retreat from Afghanistan, in resisting the Russians. What Ukraine had to do was to survive the initial Russian thrust. When that was achieved, it opened avenues for Russia's rivals in the West to start supplying Ukraine with money, weapons including advanced rocket systems and artillery, intelligence and mercenaries. If the war was left to Russia and Ukraine, the former would have, in theory, secured a victory. Despite initial miscalculations, the Russians made incremental gains in the early months of the war. But what changed the ground reality was Western help to Ukraine.

Once Ukraine established a counteroffensive momentum, the West's engagement further deepened. It is now ready to send Patriot missile defence systems and armoured vehicles, which will bolster Ukraine's defences and better prepare it for land battles post-winter. This puts Mr. Putin in a spot. What started off as a minor conflict in eastern Ukraine in 2014 has now snowballed into a de facto war between Russia and the collective West within the borders of Ukraine. His limited war machine is under enormous pressure, but he can't retreat unless he is ready to accept political and geopolitical costs. This is a dangerous slope.

China's takeaway

What does the war hold for China, the dragon in the room? There were enhanced tensions between China and the U.S. over Taiwan last year. U.S. President Joe Biden has repeatedly said that the U.S. would defend Taiwan in the event of an attack from China. This signalled a shift in Washington's policy of 'strategic ambiguity'. When former U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, China responded with live military drills around and across the self-ruled island. One argument in American strategic circles is that defeating Russia in Ukraine would discourage Chinese President Xi Jinping from making any adventurous move towards Taiwan. If Russia gets away with Ukraine, that would embolden Mr. Xi, they argue.

But on the other side, the Ukraine war and the West's collective pursuit to punish Russia has driven the giant bear deeper into the embrace of the Chinese dragon. If, during the Cold War, the U.S. strove to exploit the divisions between the Soviet Union and China (to prevent the formation of a strong Eurasian alliance), China and Russia, under Mr. Xi and Mr. Putin, respectively, are boasting of their 'no limits' relationship today. Also, one of the reasons for the U.S. pivot from West Asia and Afghanistan was to focus its resources on tackling the rise of China, the only revisionist power with the capabilities to challenge the 'rules-based order'. But the U.S. last year got dragged more and more into Europe in a Cold War-type entanglement and spent enormous resources on Ukraine. China would like to see the U.S. being distracted in Europe while it strengthens its ties with Russia and spreads its influence elsewhere. The question that could come back to bite the U.S. in the near term would be whether the time, resources and energy it is spending on Ukraine (to weaken Russia) is worth it in a changing world where China is its most powerful rival.

The beginning of India's cultural renaissance

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The month-long Kashi Tamil Sangamam, which showcased Tamil culture, heralded a new era where ancient Indian traditions intermingle with one another and are revitalised with the help of modern practices so that they contribute to cultural and economic growth. It gave a rich cultural context to India's mission to become a developed country by 2047. The event carried forward our tradition of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Ancient links

Kashi, one of the oldest living cities of the world, and Tamil Nadu, where people proudly speak the world's oldest language, are towering pillars of ancient Indian civilisation. Both have rich, old traditions of arts, music, craftsmanship, philosophy, spirituality and literature. Yet, for decades after independence, few people in north India knew about the Tamil saints who lived in Kashi and intensified its spiritual aura, or the tradition of taking holy Ganga *jal* (water) to the Rameshwaram temple, or the Kashi Yatra ritual in some Tamil weddings. Likewise, many in Tamil Nadu were not fully familiar with the ancient links between the two cultures.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a different approach and launched the Kashi Tamil Sangamam. He rightly said that this cultural intermingling was as holy as the confluence of the Ganga and the Yamuna rivers.

The event saw people from all walks of life from Tamil Nadu visiting Kashi. They experienced the city's traditions and its iconic landmarks such as the Kashi Vishwanath temple. They approached the temple through the new corridor, which has transformed and beautified the sacred area in line with the vision of Mr. Modi, who represents Varanasi in the Lok Sabha.

The Prime Minister's initiative to build the landmark Kashi Vishwanath corridor, which connects the Jyotirling with the Ganga, embellishes traditions with a touch of modernity for the benefit of residents and visitors. Similarly, the Sangamam created a unique platform to rediscover and integrate our heritage and ancient knowledge with modern thought, philosophy, technology and craftsmanship. This creates a new body of knowledge and fosters innovations that will help our artisans, weavers, entrepreneurs and traders. For instance, Varanasi is well known for Banarasi silk saris, and Kancheepuram, for its shimmering silk saris. Weavers and entrepreneurs from both regions have a lot to gain from interacting with each other and from their exposure to modern practices of branding, quality control, marketing, product consistency, the use of modern machinery and value addition.

The Kashi Tamil Sangamam has ignited a new cultural zeal in India and whetted the country's appetite for more

The focus on textiles

The government organised a 'textiles conclave' during the Sangamam. Several eminent personalities of different segments of the textile industry from Tamil Nadu and Kashi shared their experiences and exchanged ideas at a session on Amrit Kaal Vision 2047. They were excited and confident about the government's vision of raising textiles exports to $100 billion by 2030 and creating new opportunities in the sector.

The textiles sector, which has great job-creating potential, is a key part of our mission to become a developed country by 2047. India's textiles market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 12-13% to nearly $2 trillion by 2047, while exports from the sector are expected to grow at double digits. Mr. Modi's 5F formula (farm, fibre, fabric, fashion, foreign) will accelerate growth in the sector and transform the lives of farmers and weavers. Kashi and Tamil Nadu have a key role to play to achieve this vision. The government is also encouraging technical textiles, which have phenomenal potential. These products include functional textiles that are used in vehicles, protective clothing, bulletproof vests and construction. Man-made fibre, also an area of focus, has great potential for growth and exports.

The Sangamam was in step with the entire spectrum of this government's policies. These policies accord top priority to accelerating development with a focus on welfare of the poorest of the poor, love for Indian culture, and promoting local industries and handicrafts.

We are strongly promoting the One District One Product scheme that will take Indian products to the world market. Mr. Modi is a brand ambassador for these products and gifts them to world leaders. Apart from saris, the textiles conclave also dwelled on wooden toys. Traditional wooden toys of Varanasi are getting more export enquiries and are being showcased in international business exhibitions.

Traditional products will also get a big boost from other government initiatives such as the Open Network for Digital Commerce and the Government e-Marketplace.

Not limited to Tamil Nadu and Kashi

The Sangamam ended on December 16. About 2 lakh people visited the campus of the Banaras Hindu University which hosted cultural shows and a popular exhibition that highlighted Tamil products and cuisine. The Sangamam has ignited a new cultural zeal in India and whetted the country's appetite for more. The textiles sector is planning a similar event in Tamil Nadu.

More importantly, as Home Minister Amit Shah said, the Sangamam is the beginning of India's cultural renaissance that is not limited to the bonding of Tamil Nadu and Kashi. It will extend to all cultures of this great country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor's conduct

In a federal set-up, the Governor, being the constitutional head, must set an example by upholding constitutional values and practices ("T.N. Governor walks out of House as CM objects to deviation from speech," Jan. 10). If Governor R.N. Ravi approved the text of his address to the Assembly, why then did he deviate from it? The government in this case cannot be faulted.

V. Johan Dhanakumar
Chennai

It was unpatriotic of Mr. Ravi to walk out before the national anthem was played. His transfer from Nagaland to Tamil Nadu came as a relief to many Nagas as he interfered with the affairs of the Nagaland government too.

Joshua
Shillong

Mr. Ravi does not seem to draw a distinction between his role as a Governor and his allegiance to the ruling party and its ideology. More often than not, he casts himself in the role of an Opposition leader.

G. David Milton
Kanniyakumari

Rehabilitation of the poor

The Supreme Court's order deserves appreciation ("A timely halt," Jan. 9). It is unfortunate that the court has not evolved a poverty jurisprudence. At the height of the pandemic, thousands of migrant labourers were forced to walk home. The court woke up to the situation only after much criticism. The Supreme Court should start with the premise that every citizen is an inhabitant and not an encroacher. Alternatives in terms of rehabilitation are a constitutional must before the poor are subjected to this kind of treatment.

NGR Prasad
Chennai

Threat to democracy

The situation in Brazil is reminiscent of the Capitol Hill crisis in the U.S. in 2021 ("Bolsonaro backers storm state institutions; Lula says ex-President egging them on," Jan. 10). Strict punishment should be handed out to protesters before this becomes a precedent elsewhere.

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Barking up the wrong tree

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In a welcome move, the Election Commission of India (EC) has announced its intention of introducing remote voting across the country – a facility to enable voters who are residents elsewhere to vote in their home constituencies. Considering that India has a significant fraction of migrant population, this provision is much required. The EC proposes using isolated remote voting machines (RVMs), which are multi-constituency extensions of the extant EVMs, to enable voting from remote locations. The commission has announced that it will demonstrate the prototype RVMs to representatives of all political parties on January 16.

However, the EC's overemphasis on the RVMs appears to be misplaced. There is much more to remote voting than voting electronics, and the commission's proposal appears to be sketchy and grossly inadequate. Several crucial questions arise.

Pressing queries

First, how will it be ensured that all those who wish to apply for remote voting are able to do so without let or hindrance, and that all applications are processed fairly without inadvertent or selective exclusions? Under what conditions will remote voting be denied? It is not sufficient just to define a protocol as it needs to be ensured that all applications – and the decisions on them – are publicly verifiable, from both remote and home locations. This can only be done with verifiable zero-trust technology that is crucially linked to digitisation of the electoral rolls, which, by itself, requires a thorough examination.

Second, how will it be ensured that a person allowed to vote remotely is invalidated for local voting and also that nobody is incorrectly invalidated? Since the two lists will be at different locations, the correctness will not be easy to demonstrate in a publicly verifiable way.

Third, how will the votes – both the electronic votes and the VVPAT slips – be consolidated and counted? Will the counting and the VVPAT audit happen at the remote location, or at the home constituency after consolidation? If it is the latter, then how will it be ensured, verifiably, that the consolidation has happened correctly? If it is the former, then disclosing the remote voting results for a small number of remote voters at any one location will compromise vote secrecy.

Fourth, who will be the polling agents at the remote locations? How will it be ensured that in a different political environment at the remote site, a remote voter will not be coerced?

The above problems are not insurmountable, but they will require considerably more due diligence. They will also require a significant shift of emphasis from designing electronics to ensuring verifiability. After all, the effectiveness of a remote voting procedure cannot be ascertained merely from a demonstration of voting hardware. Neither is the design of a voting protocol an electronic system design problem.

Unfortunately, this misplaced emphasis on unverifiable voting machines has been a long-standing, ostrich-like problem with the EC. That the correctness of a machine with the essential properties of an EVM is unverifiable is a well-known theoretical result at least since 1992 – notwithstanding the indignant protestations by Election Commissioners to the contrary – when the VVPAT was first proposed by Rebecca Mercuri. Since then, the conventional wisdom in electronic voting – which is not to be conflated with an EVM – has evolved towards the principles of verifiability and software-independence.

This is not to say that software cannot be used in electronic voting, but that an undetected change or error in the software should not cause an undetectable change or error in an election outcome. It is well known that a standalone EVM, whichever way its components are internally connected, cannot be software-independent, which is a necessary condition for verifiability.

Examples from other countries

It is this understanding – and the requirement of public verifiability of elections – that led the German Constitutional Court to pronounce against EVM use in 2009, an exhortation that is honoured not only in Germany but also in many other jurisdictions across Europe and America, and Pakistan. It has also led the U.S. National Academy of Sciences to recommend against pure electronic voting in a public report in 2018. One way out – as an approximation to software-independence – is to audit the electronic results with a count of the VVPATs, either with a complete count or that of a statistically significant sample. The procedure for doing this, called risk limiting audit, is well established in voting literature. Unfortunately, it appears that election results are declared in India without any VVPAT audits at all. Even the Supreme Court's stipulation of auditing five randomly selected EVMs in every Assembly constituency against VVPAT counts appears to be without any sound statistical basis. The EC has also ignored the plea of a 2020 report of a Citizens' Commission on Elections, of which I was a part, on verifiability and VVPAT counting.

While usability demonstrations are essential for public acceptability, they do not ensure safety or security. Modern computer and digital security is not established by demonstrations or forceful proclamations, but by publicly articulating rigorous threat models and proving verifiable robustness against them. Cryptography may help in doing so. After all, one cannot bring digitisation to public life but leave the rigours of computer science behind.

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The race for the Dalit vote in U.P.

Parties are competing to fill the space formed as a result of the BSP's downslide

STATE OF PLAY

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In the last week of December, the Allahabad High Court quashed the reservation for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) in urban local bodies – a decision which the Supreme Court has now stayed. In the interim, the Samajwadi Party (SP), the principal Opposition party, claimed that the next goal of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government was to end the constitutionally guaranteed reservation of Dalits. It called for OBC-Dalit unity against the saffron party.

The SP is tapping into what was traditionally the Bahujan Samaj Party's Dalit-centric vote bank. The latter polled only a 12.8% vote share in the 2022 Vidhan Sabha election, its lowest in three decades.

In fact, all the major political parties in Uttar Pradesh are competing to win over the electorally significant but marginalised Dalit voter community that comprises roughly 20% of the State's electorate. The recent actions, and statements by the BJP, the SP, and the Indian National Congress (INC), point towards this.

SP raises red flag

"Today the reservation of backward classes has been snatched; tomorrow the quota of the Dalits will also be taken away. There is a plot to end the rights and provisions guaranteed by the architect of the Constitution, B. R. Ambedkar," Akhilesh Yadav, president of the SP, said.

After the 2022 Assembly polls, the SP has been focusing on Dalit and OBC issues equally. Another step is the SP's likely alliance for the 2024 Lok

Sabha polls, with the Chandrashekhar Azad-led Azad Samaj Party (ASP) that enjoys substantial support among the Dalit population in western Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Azad actively campaigned for the SP's alliance with the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) in the recently held bypolls, and called for a broader unity against the BJP.

In the last two Assembly and last parliamentary elections, the BJP has polled a roughly 10% higher vote share than the principal challenger in the State. So, despite garnering a roughly 32% vote share in the 2022 Assembly polls, the SP-led alliance is aware that it needs the support of the communities traditionally opposed to it.

Out of the 80 parliamentary constituencies in the State, 17 are reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs). In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the SP is likely to allot a few seats reserved for the SCs, to the ASP. In the previous parliamentary polls, the SP left most of the reserved seats for the BSP to contest in the alliance. However, the BSP won only two.

"We are calling for the unity of the marginalised groups. Both the OBCs and Dalits are suffering from the oppression of the BJP. Our leader is fighting for the rights of both," Ameeque Jamei, national spokesperson of the SP, told *The Hindu*.

On its part, the ruling BJP is pushing for more representation of these marginalised groups. Out of the 52 Ministers who took oath in the Yogi 2.0 Cabinet, nine belong to the SC community. Also, three Dalit parliamentarians from Uttar Pradesh were inducted into the 2021 Union Cabinet expansion. They are Kaushal Kishore, SPS Baghel, and Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma. The party has promoted both Mr. Kishore, belonging to the Pasi (a Dalit) community, and Mr. Baghel to broaden the Hindutva narrative among the Dalits in Uttar Pradesh. The BJP won 14 out of the 17 reserved seats in the 2019 general election, while its ally the Apna Dal won one seat.

Latest manoeuvres

In his recent tour of the State, B. L. Santhosh, the BJP's National General Secretary (Organisation) also asked party members to focus on groups that are not voting for the party in large numbers, hinting at Dalit and Pasmanda (a Muslim community) groups.

The Congress, traditionally considered an upper caste-centric party, has also appointed a Dalit State president, Brijlal Khabri, after over two decades, signalling a shift to a Dalit-Muslim-centric approach, in the run-up to the 2024 elections. The hope is that Mr. Khabri, who quit the BSP in 2016, and is a two-term parliamentarian, may turn a section of the Dalit electorate to vote for the Congress. The State chiefs of other major parties are either from OBC or economically backward class (EBC) groups.

In a renewed bid to project the BSP as the original and only Dalit party, four-time former Chief Minister and party president Mayawati continued to attack the other three main parties as being anti-Dalit.

Decriminalising homosexuality, but no same-sex marriage

Even though homosexuality is legal in many countries, the idea of same-sex marriage is still anathema to them

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

On Sunday, over 2,000 members and supporters of the LGBTQ community took to the streets of New Delhi to press for equal marriage rights, after the Supreme Court on Friday transferred to itself petitions pending in various High Courts seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

The members returned after a three-year break forced by COVID-19. This time their hopes have been raised by the Supreme Court's move. "We need to really focus on those rights like inheriting properties together (and) opening bank accounts. Marriage is one big thing because once marriage comes into play then all these other aspects of the rights will be met," Ajay Chauhan, a participant in Sunday's march, told AFP.

The Supreme Court decriminalised homosexuality in 2018 and held that the criminalisation of sexual relationships between adults of the same sex was unconstitutional. However, the Indian government has resisted previous attempts to formally recognise same-sex relationships in cases heard in lower courts. In 2021, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta told the Delhi High Court that according to law, marriage was permissible between a "biological man" and a "biological woman". The Centre also argued against the urgency of the pleas by saying nobody was "dying" in the absence of a marriage certificate.

The Centre's position on the issue is not unique given that currently, more than 6.77 billion people around the world are living in countries where same-sex marriage is not legal, while only 1.21 billion are living in nations where it is legal. Until 2000, the year in which the Netherlands made same-sex marriage legal, in no country was it allowed. Chart 1 shows the progress since the year.

A favourable ruling by the Supreme Court in March could pave way for the nation of 1.4 billion people to become the second jurisdiction in Asia to recognise same-sex marriage after Taiwan. As shown in chart 3, only 32 countries have legalised same-sex marriage. While it is not legal in 10 countries, same-sex couples do enjoy certain rights there, whereas, in the rest of the 91, it is currently illegal. Map 2 depicts the geographical spread of same-sex marriage recognition as of 2022. While most of the countries in Europe, Oceania, North and South America have legalised same-sex marriage or have given restricted rights to such couples, the nations which did the same in Asia and Africa were few and far between.

Notably, in many of these Asian and African nations, homosexuality stopped being considered a criminal offence in recent decades. However, legal status has not been given to same-sex marriages.

Three days before the Delhi Queer Pride march, opponents to same-sex marriage – including right-wing Hindu groups – staged a small demonstration outside the Supreme Court. In India, acceptance of same-sex relationships and marriages have generally been low among the public. In a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center across 34 countries between May 13 and October 2, 2019, only 37% of respondents from India said that homosexuality should be accepted by society. In 23 of the 34 countries, a higher share of respondents said that it should be accepted, as shown in chart 4.

Notably, over 25% of the respondents in India, refused to answer the question or said they did not know the answer – the second-highest share among the 34 nations surveyed. This shows reluctance to offer an opinion on the subject, which is considered a taboo by many in India.

(with inputs from AP, AFP)

Status of same-sex marriage

Charts 1, 3 and map 2 were sourced from ourworldindata. The data for chart 4 was sourced from a survey report titled "The global divide on homosexuality persists," published by the Pew Research Center

Chart 1 : The chart shows the number of people in countries where same-sex marriage is legal and those in nations where it is not legal, between 2000 and 2022

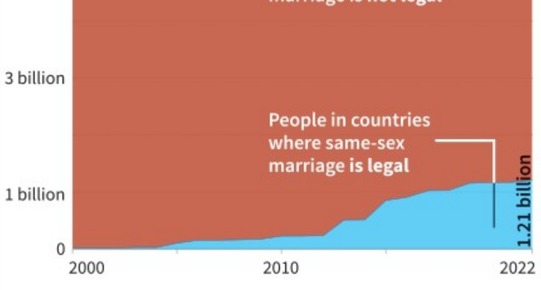


Chart 3 : The chart shows the legality of same-sex marriage in countries where homosexuality is legal as of 2022

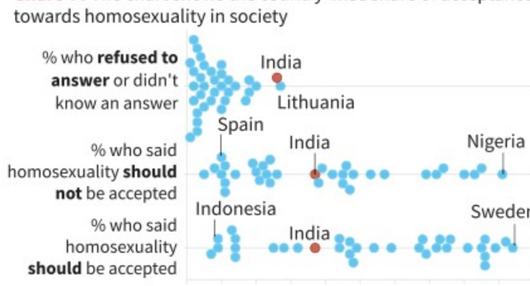
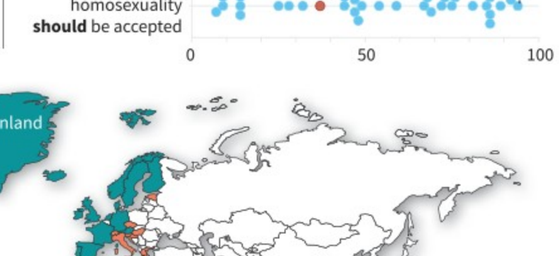


Chart 4 : The chart shows the country-wise share of acceptance towards homosexuality in society



Map 2 : The map depicts the geographical spread of legal status given to same-sex marriage as of 2022. Very few Asian and African countries have recognized same-sex marriages

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FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 11, 1973

West Bengal to ban strikes & lock-outs

CALCUTTA, Jan.10. The West Bengal Cabinet has approved a series of laws which will substantially change the norms in industrial relations in the State. These laws are sought to be initially introduced as ordinances this week and enacted at the budget session of the State Assembly.

These ordinances will cover (1) a ban on strikes and lock-outs in units considered by the Government to be essential to public life, (2) a curb on the growth of mushroom trade unions, (3) restrictions on whimsical retrenchment of workers and other staff once they have had a specified term of service and (4) recognition of craft unions.

These laws, it is stated by Government spokesmen, will bear some similarity to laws already in force in Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.

The curb on strikes and lockouts entail an amendment to the Industrial Disputes Act. The ordinance will seek to give the Government power to define the terms and conditions of work while prohibiting strikes and lock-outs in a chosen industry.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 11, 1923

Calcutta tram strike

(ASSOCIATED PRESS OF INDIA) CALCUTTA, Jan.10. The Calcutta tramway strike situation remains unchanged. Today several cars in Wellesly and Kidderpore sections were run under police protection. Strikers in large numbers assembled at depots and on the way, but there was no disturbance in the morning. In the afternoon while a car was returning from the High Court it was attacked by a large crowd and two tramway Inspectors were mercilessly assaulted with lathis rendering them unconscious. Both the wounded men were removed to the hospital. No arrests have been made. Remaining of cars has been suspended for some time. Service was stopped at dusk. A conductor was attacked near Wellesly Square but the injury was slight. On Monday night a large number of strikers went to the house of a Tramway time-keeper and threatened him to death if he did not join them. On his refusal they set fire to the time-keeper's house.

From Page One

We won't pay a farthing more: Union Carbide

Justice A. S. Oka said a 1991 decision of the top court, while refusing to reopen the settlement, had made it clear that it was the duty of the government to pay any additional compensation to the victims if there was a shortfall.

"We were told that ₹50 crore of the settlement amount is lying undisbursed... How is it lying undisbursed," Justice Kaul asked the government.

Mr. Venkataramani said the number of claimants among the victims had increased since 1991. The court had always "left open a considerable avenue for a re-look of the 1989 settlement" in all its past decisions in the Bhopal gas tragedy case.

"This is not a case of mere division of property in which somebody gets more or less. This concerns a settlement based on a tortious claim," Justice Kaul responded.

Mr. Salve countered the settlement was arrived at on the basis of a "consent decree" sourced from a suit. If the decree is set aside, the suit proceedings should be restored. The liability of UCC for the tragedy was never established. More and more liability cannot be piled on to his client as and when fresh data was revealed.

The five-judge Bench highlighted that the government had opted to directly file a curative plea in December 2010 for enhancement of the "full and final" settlement amount paid by UCC without first seeking a review. The Supreme Court had consented to the settlement by means of a decree in February 1989. The court had even refused to re-open the settlement in an order in 1991.

The tragedy unfolded in Bhopal on the intervening night of December 2-3,1984 when the toxic gas, methyl isocyanate, leaked from Union Carbide India Limited. It resulted in the death of 5,295 people and injuries to over five lakh people.

T.N. Governor objects to *ondriya arasu* use

Since coming to power, the DMK government had been using *ondriya arasu* in all its communications, a move that attracted criticism, mainly from the BJP.

Mr. Ravi said he was fine with people using the term "Union government", but he felt the term being translated into Tamil as *ondriya arasu* was not acceptable.

According to Mr. Ravi, the term *ondriyam* to refer to the Union government would have been acceptable if there was no "lower level social structure" called *ondriyam* in society. Mr. Ravi said he himself used the term "Union government" often and there was no confusion about the fact that India is a Union of States. The problem in Tamil Nadu was because the term *ondriya arasu* is used in a "politically overloaded" manner in a "political game" of playing down (the importance of the Union government), he said.

Row over invite

Meanwhile, an invitation distributed by the Raj Bhavan for Pongal celebrations on its premises on Thursday came in for criticism for using the Government of India's emblem instead of the Government of Tamil Nadu's emblem. The invitation was also criticised for the use of the word "Tamizhaga" instead of "Tamil Nadu."

Only a week ago, the Governor had remarked that he preferred the word "Tamizhagam" to "Tamil Nadu" to refer to the State, attracting criticism from all major parties except the BJP.

The Governor's office could not be reached for comment despite many attempts.

On Tuesday, at several places, there were attempts by certain outfits to burn Mr. Ravi in effigy in protest against his "selective deviation" while reading out the Governor's Address in the Assembly. Seven Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam (TPDK) members were arrested at Tiruchi for attempting to set fire to an effigy.

No improvement in air quality in most cities

This is defined as a city whose air quality did not meet the national ambient air quality standards of 2011 to 2015.

The NCAP aims to bring a 20%-30% reduction in pollution levels from PM2.5 and PM10 particles by 2024, using 2017 pollution levels as a base.

For disbursing funds, the Central Pollution Control Board, which coordinates the programme, only considers levels of PM10, the relatively larger, coarser particles.

However PM2.5, the smaller, more dangerous particles, aren't monitored as robustly in all cities, mostly due to the lack of equipment.

Cities are required to quantify improvement starting 2020-21, which requires 15% and more reduction in the annual average PM10 concentration and a concurrent increase in "good air" days to at least 200. Anything fewer will be considered 'low' and the funding, provided by the Centre via the Environment Ministry, consequently reduced.

Moreover, only 37 out of 131 cities, CREA noted, have completed the source apportionment studies (which list out and quantify the major sources of pollution in a city) to be completed in 2020.

"Almost all of these reports still lack public availability and no city action plan has been updated with new findings of the report as it was envisaged in the NCAP when it was launched in January 2019," said an accompanying press release.

DAC gives nod to purchase indigenous defence systems

Acceptance of Necessity given for three capital acquisition proposals amounting to ₹4,276 crore; these include helicopter-launched Nag missiles and BrahMos cruise missile launchers for ships

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for three capital acquisition proposals amounting to ₹4,276 crore.

These include the helicopter-launched Nag (HELINA) anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM), very short-range air defence systems (VSHORAD), BrahMos cruise missile launchers, and fire control systems (FCS) for naval ships. All three are indigenous design and development projects.

"The DAC accorded AoN for procurement of HELINA ATGMs, launchers and associated support equipment which will be integrated to the advanced light helicopter (ALH). This missile is an essential part of weaponisation of ALH for countering enemy threat," the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Iron shield: An anti-tank guided missile during a demonstration by the armed forces. FILE PHOTO

The HELINA and Dhruvastra being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) are third-generation lock-on-before-launch fire-and-forget ATGMs meant for the indigenous ALH and the light combat helicopter. HELINA is the Army variant and Dhruvastra is the Air Force variant.

Focus on air defence

The DAC also accorded AoN for procurement of the VSHORAD (IR Homing) missile system under design and development by the DRDO.

"In view of the recent developments along the northern borders, there is a need to focus on effective air defence weapon systems which are man portable and can be deployed quickly in rugged terrain and maritime domain," the Ministry said, adding procurement of VSHORAD, as a robust and quickly deployable system, will strengthen the capabilities.

The Army has a major requirement for VSHORAD and several attempts to import the systems have not materialised. A major deal with Russia, which was shortlisted in a bidding, has been stuck for several years and is on the verge of cancellation.

Further, the DAC also granted approval for procurement of BrahMos launcher and FCS for the Shivalik class of ships and next-generation missile vessels for the Navy.

Collegium sends out recommendations for appointment to 5 HCs

Reiterates its earlier recommendation to elevate advocate Nagendra Naik as a Karnataka HC judge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium on Tuesday recommended names for appointment as judges in Bombay, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gauhati and Manipur High Courts.

These Collegium resolutions have come within days of Attorney-General R. Venkataramani informing the Supreme Court that the government would adhere to timelines fixed by the court to process recommendations for judicial appointments in High Courts.

The Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud approved the proposal for elevation of advocate Neela Kedar Gokhale, a Supreme Court lawyer, as a judge of the Bombay High Court.

The Collegium also agreed with the proposal to elevate Ramachandra Dattatray Huddar and Venkatesh Naik Thavaryanaik, both judicial officers, as judges of the Karnataka High Court.

Similarly, Mridul Kumar Kalita, a judicial officer, has been recommended for elevation as a judge of the Gauhati High Court, while judicial officers P. Venkata Jyothirmai and V. Gopalakrishna Rao have been recommended for judgeships in the A.P. High Court. The Collegium also agreed to appoint Aribam Guneshwar Sharma and Golmei Gaiphulshillu Kabui, both judicial officers again, as judges in the Manipur High Court.

The Collegium said it has, on reconsideration, resolved to reiterate its earlier recommendation to elevate advocate Nagendra Ramachandra Naik as a judge of the Karnataka High Court.

Constitution Bench to take up Section 6A of Citizenship Act for preliminary determination

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Tuesday said it will first take up for preliminary determination whether Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 suffers from any "constitutional infirmity".

Section 6A was a special provision inserted into the 1955 Act in furtherance of a Memorandum of Settlement called the 'Assam Accord' signed on August 15, 1985 by the then Rajiv Gandhi government with the leaders of the Assam Movement to preserve and protect the Assamese culture, heritage and linguistic and social identity.

The Accord came at the end of a six-year agitation by the All Assam Students Union (AASU) to identify and deport undocumented immigrants, mostly from neighbouring Bangladesh, from the State.

Cast out: The final Assam NRC list published in August 2019 saw the exclusion of over 19 lakh people. FILE PHOTO

During the hearing, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said that Section 6A was valid. It was enacted as part of a statute, that is, the 1955 Act.

The petitions challenging the provision, filed after nearly 40 years since the enactment of Section 6A, should not be entertained.

Under Section 6A, foreigners who had entered Assam before January 1, 1966, and been "ordinarily resident" in the State, would have all the rights and obligations of Indian citizens. Those who had entered the State between January 1, 1966 and March 25, 1971 would have the same rights and obligations except that they would not be able to vote for 10 years.

'Discriminatory nature'

Petitions were filed challenging the "discriminatory" nature of Section 6A in granting citizenship to immigrants, illegal ones at that. The petitioners, including Assam Public Works and others, argued that the special provision was in violation of Article 6 of the Constitution, which fixed the cut-off date for granting citizenship to immigrants at July 19, 1948.

On December 2014, the Supreme Court had framed 13 questions covering various issues raised against the constitutionality of Section 6A.

In 2015, a three-judge Bench of the court had referred the case to a Constitution Bench.

All these years, the 'Section 6A' case had waited out even as the Supreme Court monitored the preparation and publication of the final Assam NRC list in August 2019, which saw the exclusion of over 19 lakh people.

The Bench listed the case for hearing from February 14, giving time to the parties to prepare and circulate the records before the hearing.

Loan fraud: Kochhars released from jail

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Former chief executive officer and managing director of ICICI Bank Chanda Kochhar and her husband, Deepak, were released from jail on Tuesday in the Videocon loan fraud case.

The couple were released a day after the Bombay High Court held that their arrest was in accordance with law. Ms. Kochhar was released from Byculla jail and her husband from Arthur Road Jail.

On January 8, the court said, "There was non-compliance of the mandate of Section 41A, 41B and 60A of the CrPC. It will ensure to the benefit of the petitioners, warranting their release on bail."

DGCA issues show-cause notice to Go First

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

A Delhi-bound Go First plane on Monday reportedly left the city airport in Bengaluru without more than 50 passengers who were waiting on a shuttle bus for boarding. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation on Tuesday issued a show-cause notice to the airline.

"...in the instant case, multiple mistakes such as lack of proper communication, coordination, reconciliation and confirmation have resulted in a highly avoidable situation," the DGCA said in a statement.

The regulator has issued notice to the Accountable Manager/Chief Operation Officer of Go First as to why action should not be taken for dereliction of regulatory obligations. "However, to follow the principles of natural justice, they have been given two weeks' time to submit their reply," it said.

Go First declined to comment. However, in response to tweets, the airline urged users to share details and said: "We regret the inconvenience caused".

Indian diaspora a 'unique force' in the global system: Murmu

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday praised the contribution of the Indian diaspora and described it as a "unique force" in the world. Addressing the valedictory session of a Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Indore, Ms. Murmu said the Indian diaspora would help in the inclusive development of the country.

"The Indian diaspora today has become an important and unique force in the global system. It has grown into an energetic and confident community in every region," President Murmu said.

Apart from speaking on the occasion, Ms. Murmu met with the President of Suriname, Chandrikapersad Santokhi, and the President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Mohamed Irfaan Ali.

"She was happy to note that the Indian community in Suriname has maintained its cultural identity even after 150 years of leaving India," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on the meeting between President Murmu and President Santokhi.

Droupadi Murmu

Highlighted the discovery of oil and gas in Guyana, Ms. Murmu said, "There is immense scope of cooperation and collaboration between Guyana and India in this area."

The Valedictory Session of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was also addressed by S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister.

Indian professionals from several countries, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE and Bahrain, participated in the convention that took place between January 8 and 10.

The concluding day also saw the conferring of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards on 27 Indian-origin persons.

Shinde faction of Shiv Sena says it is the real party

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Eknath Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena on Tuesday told the Election Commission it was the real party and had the numerical strength as well as the control of the organisation.

Counsel of the Shinde faction Mahesh Jethmalani, arguing before the entire commission, said that Uddhav Thackarey had in 2018 made surreptitious and unconstitutional changes in the Shiv Sena constitution. This combined with the ideological shift in the party due to the alliance with the Congress and the NCP was responsible for the split in the party.

"We are the real Shiv Sena. We have the numerical strength and we also have the control of the real organisation," Mr. Jethmalani said.

He claimed the support of 40 of the Sena's 56 MLAs and 13 of the 18 members in the Lok Sabha.

Senior lawyer Kapil Sibal represents the Thackeray faction and will place its arguments before the poll panel on January 17.

5-judge SC Bench to hear Sena factional dispute on Feb. 14

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday said it will start hearing from February 14 the political battle between Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde over the "real" Shiv Sena.

The preliminary issue flagged in the case is whether the case need to be referred to a seven-judge Bench.

On August 23 last year, a three-judge Bench of the court had referred the dispute to a Constitution Bench of five judges. Lawyers had argued that the three-judge Bench raised "important constitutional questions relating to interpretation of Schedule 10 (anti-defection law) of the Constitution pertaining to disqualification, as well as the powers of the Speaker and the Governor and the power of judicial review".

It had highlighted gaps in the court's earlier judgment in Nebam Rebia relating to the power of the Speaker/Deputy Speaker to initiate disqualification proceedings, when proceedings for his or her own removal from office had been initiated. The Bench had then framed 10 questions of law to consider and decide.

APPEAL

Baby of SUSHMITHA, 1 month admitted in Manipal Hospitals, Ambalipura, suffering from Supracardiac TAPVC unobstructed, Large PM VSD BD, severe PAH. He requires to undergo TAPVC repair with VSD closure and ASD closure and PDA Ligation to prevent irreversible damage. Costing **Rs. 4 Lakhs** for surgery immediately.

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J&K situation is not under the control of Centre: Omar

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

National Conference (NC) vice-president and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the situation in J&K was not under the Centre's control and belied the BJP's claims.

"It claimed that guns in Kashmir were because of Article 370 and will decline once it goes. The statement was not true. The kind of attacks taking place in J&K, especially in Rajouri, showed that the Centre is not in control of the situation," he said.

He said the move to arm village defence groups and deploy additional troops "was an admission" of the deteriorating security situation in J&K.

Amid talk of J&K Assembly election, BJP pushes to streamline party unit

B.L. Santhosh is scheduled to visit Union Territory to bridge gaps in party structure today; at meeting held with party's core group to discuss various issues including Rajouri attacks, Amit Shah urges party leaders to raise confidence level of people

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is looking at streamlining its organisation in Jammu and Kashmir, and making it poll-ready.

The development comes amid talk that the Assembly election may be held in the Union Territory this year, its first after the removal of the special status to J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Sources said the attacks in Rajouri, where civilians belonging to one community were identified and killed by terrorists, were discussed as a matter of concern at a meeting of the BJP's core group for J&K on Monday evening.

Gearing up: Amit Shah said that the Centre had done a lot to strengthen security and democracy in J&K. FILE PHOTO

"We discussed various issues with the Union Home Minister on J&K yesterday [Monday]. I believe solutions will be laid down. Undoubtedly, there have been some attacks, but security forces are doing a good job," former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K Kavindra Gupta said.

B.L. Santhosh, BJP general secretary (organisation), is scheduled to visit J&K on Wednesday. His main aim is to bridge gaps in the party's structure and get feedback from party leaders.

While the attacks on civilians in Rajouri and other places were discussed, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is said to have asked party leaders from the Union Territory to meet with as many people as possible to raise confidence level in them. Mr. Shah said that the Union government had done much to strengthen security and democracy in the Union Territory, and that a democratically elected government "is the best way to protect their rights".

Tarun Chugh, BJP general secretary in charge of the J&K unit, on a visit to the Union Territory in December, indicated that the Assembly election might take place as early as May 2023.

He exhorted party workers to "get ready" since, if May was the likely month, then candidates would be decided in March.

INBRIEF

BJP responsible for plight of Kashmiri Pandits: Kharge

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday accused the BJP government of adopting a "use, discard and betray" policy towards Kashmiri Pandits. In a tweet, Mr. Kharge alleged that the BJP was responsible for their plight as government employees from the community had been on a protest for over 245 days and their salaries had been withheld by the J&K administration. "Kashmiri Pandit employees are protesting for over 245+ days, demanding their 'right to life' & 'relocation'. Their salaries are being withheld for months and their security is being compromised. BJP's 'use, discard & betray' policy is responsible for their plight," he said.

N. Kotiswar Singh appointed Acting CJ of Gauhati HC

Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh has been appointed Acting Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, the Law Ministry notification said on Tuesday. A notification issued by the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry said Justice Singh would take over from Thursday after incumbent Chief Justice Rashmin Manharbhai Chhaya demits office on Wednesday. The judges of the High Courts retire at the age of 62 and those of the Supreme Court at 65.

Row after Kolkata police deny nod for BJP's Ganga Aarti

A political row erupted on Tuesday over the BJP's 'Ganga Aarti' programme in Kolkata with the police denying permission to hold the event. However, BJP workers insisted on holding the programme. BJP State president Sukanta Majumdar, along with party supporters, was detained by the police from the Babu Ghat. After a scuffle and commotion, several BJP supporters were taken into custody. Mr. Majumdar alleged mistreatment by police personnel. He said that there were never any restrictions on Ganga Aarti but since the BJP had decided to hold the event, the police did not give permission.

JD(U) leader triggers speculation with invite to BJP leaders in Bihar

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Politics in Bihar seems to be heating up around Makar Sankranti, with senior Janata Dal(U) leader Upendra Kushwaha inviting BJP leaders along with his own *Mahagatbandhan* colleagues for a get-together on Saturday.

An open invitation to the BJP's State leaders, after the bitter break-up of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar and after Mr. Kushwaha himself had, a few years ago, parted from the party, has raised speculation that he may be sending feelers to the party that he is open to negotiate for his re-entry into the NDA.

Mr. Kushwaha merged his own party, the Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP), with the JD(U) with an aim to position himself firmly as a leader of non-Yadav OBCs in the event of Nitish Kumar quitting as Chief Minister.

The Kushwaha community is considered the second-largest OBC caste and plays a pivotal role in Bihar's electoral process.

Upendra Kushwaha

The formation of the *Mahagatbandhan* – a grand alliance of the Janata Dal(U), the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Congress and the Left parties – was a jolt to Mr. Kushwaha, as there has been recent talk that Mr. Kumar looks at Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav as his successor.

There is talk that the JD (U) may merge with the RJD soon, leaving leaders like Mr. Kushwaha worried. "An act akin to suicide," is how Mr. Kushwaha had termed, on record, a possible merger.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, he said, "I don't see any politics into it. I have invited everyone and I have sent the invitation to those BJP leaders with whom I have good relation".

Rahul visits Golden Temple, SAD asks him to clarify his view on Bluestar, 1984 riots

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

With the Bharat Jodo Yatra set to begin its Punjab leg, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday paid obeisance at the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) urged the people to boycott the yatra, the Shiromani Akali Dal asked Mr. Gandhi to clarigy his stand on Operation Bluestar and the anti-Sikh riots of 1984.

BJP national spokesperson Jaiveer Shergill on Tuesday said the Congress's anti-Sikh sentiment had not washed away, but had only flourished and nourished with the passage of time.

"While on the one hand, the country is witnessing the BJP honouring the Sikh community, respecting their sentiments by dedicating December 26 (martyrdom day of Sahibzadas) as Veer Bal Divas, the opening of the Kartarpur Corridor and securing Sri Guru Granth Sahib safely from war-torn Afghanistan, on the other hand, the Congress has been openly crowning those responsible for the anti-Sikh riots in 1984. Being anti-Sikh is the true character of the Congress," he said.

Paying respects: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi offering prayers at the Golden Temple, in Amritsar on Tuesday. PTI

Desperate attempt

Mr. Shergill described the yatra as completely "directionless" and a "desperate attempt" to capture power. He said Mr. Gandhi had no "moral right" to take out the yatra in Punjab when the Congress had spared no attempt to alienate the Sikh community.

"I appeal to the people of Punjab to completely boycott the yatra," he said.

The march entered Punjab on Tuesday, and would commence its State leg from Fatehgarh Sahib on January 11.

Senior SAD leader Maheshinder Singh Grewal said "Mr. Gandhi should tell the people of Punjab if he justified Operation Bluestar or condemned it."

Mr. Grewal asked Mr. Gandhi to clarify why successive Congress governments at the Centre did not implement the Rajiv-Longowal Accord. The accord, which had been approved by Parliament, had called for the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab on January 26, 1986.

RSS chief bats for rights of transgender, LGBTQ citizens

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

At a time when the Supreme Court is hearing a bunch of petitions seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriage and equal rights for LGBTQ+ citizens, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has maintained that the LGBTQ community and transgender persons are humans and have right to live as others.

In an interview with the *Organiser*, the English language mouthpiece of the RSS, Mr. Bhagwat has been quoted as saying that the Hindu society does not see the transgender community as a problem, and LGBTQ people should have their own private and social space as well.

"LGBT/transgender issue are not new issues; they have always been there. These people also have a right to live. Without much hullabaloo, we have found a way, with a humane approach, to provide them social acceptance, bearing in mind they are also human beings having inalienable right to live," he said.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
No.EM/IOHP/GW-18/18(Pt-I)/18, Date.09/01/2023
e-TCN No. EM/IOHP-02/2023
Name of the Work : "Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection & Commissioning of 3200TPH Capacity Ship Loader at IOB". Estimated Cost : Rs.30,12,50,000/-. Last date & time of submission of bid : up to 1800 Hrs. On 31.01.2023. Refer our website : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for details.
Executive Engineer (Mech)
Iron Ore Handling Plant
Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/220/2022-23, Dt.10.1.23

MUNICIPAL BOARD, NATHDWARA DIST.- RAJSAMAND
S.No./M.B.Nath/Nirman/22/18374 Date : 08-12-2022
Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for different works Nit No. E_48 /2022-23 of Municipal Board Nathdwara are invited from interested bidders up to date 30-01-2023 on 18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state govt.
UBN No. – DLB2223WSOB24993
Raj.Samwad/C/22/12989 Commissioner

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MARKETING DEPARTMENT e-Procurement Tender Notice
e-Tenders are invited for supply of "Procurement of Uniform cloth items" from reputed manufacturers / authorized dealers / traders viz., Raymonds, Bombay dyeing, Digjam, Gwalior, Ashnoor and Ozwal (for suiting and shirting cloth items) to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site http://www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For further details contact phone numbers: 0877-2264079, 2264555, FAX No: 0877-2264554.
Roc.No.PR4/13950/Adv.No.344/PRO/2023, Dated:10-01-2023 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500 028
(CIN) - L13100TG1958GOI001674
Telephone: 0091-40-23538710/770, 23538713 to 23538721, Ext: 138/270/249,
Email: csreddy@nmdc.co.in; bmkumar@nmdc.co.in; jpsingh@nmdc.co.in
Tender No. HQMM/4003-21/1100000522/93 Dated: 10.01.2023
OPEN TENDER NOTICE
Online Tenders are invited through e-Procurement Mode for the following Equipment from reputed manufacturers directly or through their accredited agents in India required for NMDC Ltd., Diamond Mining Project, Majhgawan, Panna Madhya Pradesh, India.

Description of Equipment	Qty (No.)	Pre-Bid meeting	Display of Tender Document Period	Last date (Tentative) & Time for submission of offer	Earnest Money Deposit
Rear Dump Truck 40 Ton capacity along with Operation and Maintenance Spares for 6 years / 7500 Hours whichever is earlier.	1 .	30.01.2023 at 11.00 AM	DRAFT : 11.01.2023 to 30.01.2023 FINAL (Tentative dates) : 08.02.2023 to 24.02.2023	24.02.2023 by 02.30 PM	Rs 200000/-

Complete Tender document is available in website www.nmdc.co.in, www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome & http://eprocure.gov.in
Any corrigendum to the above tender will be uploaded only on our website www.nmdc.co.in and will not be published. Prospective bidders should visit the above NMDC Limited website from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any. For further details logon to Tender Section of our website: www.nmdc.co.in .
Chief General Manager (Materials)
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KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
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(Telephone No. 0471-2945600, FAX No. 0471-2945647),
E-mail : edrugs@kmscl.kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616
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E- TENDER NOTICE
Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement insecticides for the year 2022-23.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	No. of items
1.	KMSCL/ED/INS-NVBDCP&PLAN/RC/2023/001 dtd. 10/01/2023	5

The last date and time of online uploading of tenders will be 07.02.2023, 5.00 pm. The date and time of opening of Technical bid will be 13.02.2023 11.30 am. Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.
(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
STORES & PURCHASE DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL OFFICES,
Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Gulbarga-585 102.
Tel. & Fax No. 08472-260502, Mobile No. 77606 86172 (COSP), 77609 92029 (S.O).
No. KKRTC/CO/COSP/ 543 /2022-23 Dated: 09.01.2023
NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM TENDER
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)
Tenders through e-procurement portal (pre-qualification & commercial) are invited for supply / service of following items.
1) No. & date : G-09/22-23 09.01.23, 2) Tender nomenclature : Selection of agency for Providing Personal Accidental Death, Permanent Total Disablement, Permanent Partial Disablement and Temporary, Total Disablement Insurance policy and if any add on insurance coverage to all the Employees of KKRTC, 3) Value : Rs. 1.79 crores, 4) Last date for submission of tender : 27.01.2023 at 15:00 hours
All the details of Tender, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Mail to cospnekrtc@gmail.com or eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com for further information if required. Further, any addendum / corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through e-procurement portal.
Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases
DIP/Kalaburagi/1089/MC&A/2022-23 (Tender Inviting Authority)

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(A State University Established by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Recognized by UGC)
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Alagappa University Invites applications for **Pre-Ph.D. Entrance Exam (Written Test – Physical Mode only)** to be held on **26.02.2023** in the **University Campus, Karaikudi.**
IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
1. Submission of application through **ONLINE mode** only
Opening 11.01.2023-10.00 a.m. onwards
Closing 5.02.2023-05.00 p.m.
2. For further details, visit University Website www.alagappauniversity.ac.in or **Contact 04565 – 224230.** University reserves the right to change anything mentioned above. **Application cost once paid will not be refunded.
3. Date of Examination **26.02.2023 - 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**
4. Application Fee **Rs. 500/-**
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E-Procurement Notice
GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HPRIDC)
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
NAME OF WORK: Construction of viaduct at west portal side between RD 240.625 to RD 267.80 and at east portal side between RD 180.00 to RD 220.00 near Dhalli tunnel (under smart city project)
Date : January 10 , 2023
The Chief Engineer –cum- Project Director, State Roads Projects, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh, India on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites online bids (separate) for the construction of works detailed in the table:-

Name of Work	Bid Security (INR)	Cost of Document (Rs.) + GST	Period of Completion	Estimated Cost (INR), including GST	Date of availability of bid document	Last date & Time for submission of Bids
Construction of viaduct at west portal side between RD 240.625 to RD 267.80 and at east portal side between RD 180.00 to RD 220.00 near Dhalli tunnel (under smart city project)	12,18,157/-	5,000/-	3 Months	4,87,26,276	12/01/2023 at 3:00 PM	23/01/2023 (3:00 PM)

The detailed Request for Bids (RFB) Notice, Bidding Document along with other necessary information will be available on https:/himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html & https://hptenders.gov.in/link.
Note:- Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this RFB notice shall be available to all interested bidders on official web site of HPRIDC under https:/himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html & https://hptenders.gov.in/link
Director (Projects)-cum-C.E.
State Roads Project, HPRIDCL,
Nirman Bhawan, Shimla-171002
HP / 0708/2022-2023

INBRIEF

Global event in Jaipur to mark International Year of Millets

A major international event, titled 'Magic Millets-2023', has been planned for September this year in Jaipur to mark the International Year of Millets, designated by the United Nations General Assembly, to promote the consumption of coarse grains. Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan virtually launched a campaign to promote millet consumption by releasing a poster of the international conference at a programme in New York. 'Magic Millets' secretary-general Kalyan Singh Kothari said on Monday that the global conference would help the efforts being made by the Union and the State governments as well as the UN bodies to bring millets back to people's lives.

'NSG did not find anything suspicious on Moscow flight'

The Azur Air international flight from Moscow which made an emergency landing at the Jamnagar airport in Gujarat following a bomb threat arrived at its destination, Goa, on Tuesday afternoon, an official said. The flight, carrying all the passengers and crew members, took off from Jamnagar around 1.20 p.m., more than 15 hours after it made the emergency landing there. It landed at the Dabolim airport in Goa at 2.39 p.m., a senior official from the airport said. Earlier, the National Security Guard (NSG) found nothing suspicious onboard the Moscow-Goa flight, which was diverted to Jamnagar, the Jamnagar Airport Director said. PTI

NIA nabs 'logistic provider' to gangsters from Haryana

In connection with its ongoing investigation into the links between criminal elements and terrorists in Punjab, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a key "logistics provider" to the gangsters. The accused has been identified as Chhotu Ram Bhaat, a resident of Chautala village in Sirsa of Haryana. He allegedly operated as a weapons supplier and also arranged hideouts to the gangsters of one Bambiha group before and after the commission of crimes. On December 21 last year, the NIA had carried out searches at two locations in Sirsa, including the house of Chhotu Bhaat.

Kin 'carry' pregnant woman across river, NHRC intervenes

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to the Collector of Kalahandi in Odisha over reports of a pregnant woman being carried on a cot across a river in the absence of a bridge. Acting on the petition of human rights activist Akhand, the NHRC directed that the Collector submit an action taken report within four weeks. The incident happened in December when family members of the pregnant woman in Khamanpada village contacted an ambulance when she went into labour. However, as the ambulance could not reach the remote village, the kin had to carry the woman by a cot across the Indravati on a country boat.

Joshimath residents oppose razing, demand higher relief payments

Protest erupts in town against the demolition of a hotel building, which has been declared 'unsafe'; owner says he must be given compensation in accordance with the 'Badrinath Master Plan'; over 34 families rehabilitated in the last 24 hours

Ishita Mishra
JOSHIMATH

Residents of Joshimath town on Tuesday staged a massive protest against the Uttarakhand government over the demolition of a hotel, which has been declared "unsafe" by the district administration.

The protesters demanded four times the compensation of the present value of the damaged buildings. The State and residents failed to reach a mutual agreement on the terms.

Thakur Singh Rana, owner of Malari Inn Hotel, told *The Hindu* that he would not let his building be demolished unless the State government gave it in writing that he would be paid ₹29 crore as compensation. Threatening to burn himself alive if he was not assured of compensation in accordance with the 'Badrinath Master Plan', Mr. Rana alleged that the State was trying to "get rid of" the buildings to tackle the situation at the present moment. "They will just abandon us when the media will go back," he said.

Countdown on: Two hotels, Mountview and Malari Inn, which are leaning into each other, will be the first to be razed in Joshimath. V.V. KRISHNAN

Umawati Devi, one of the protesters whose house is also in the "danger zone", alleged that the district administration had threatened to seal her house if she did not vacate it immediately.

Officials of the district administration denied claims that Badrinath residents were paid four times the circle rates as compensation. "We had paid twice the circle rates in Badrinath as per the Land Acquisition Act, 2013. In case of rural areas, the compensation is four times," Abhishek Tripathi, Additional District Magistrate, Chamoli, said. Mr. Tripathi also said the hotel would be demolished under the supervision of the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee.

The State government on Tuesday declared that over 723 houses in Joshimath had been damaged and around 86 houses were in the "unsafe" and "danger" zones, and they need to be demolished immediately. Over 34 families had been rehabilitated by the administration in the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) conducted a review meeting with officials to take stock of the situation. S.S. Sandhu, Chief Secretary, said the residents of severely damaged houses were being shifted to safe places.

The Union Home Secretary apprised the NCMC that a high-level team of the Home Ministry, led by the Secretary, Border Management, is at Joshimath for assessing the situation.

Annual police conference to begin in Delhi on January 20

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The annual police conference organised by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for 2022 will be held in Delhi from January 20 to 22. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be attending all the sessions at the three-day conference.

The conference is organised every year to discuss various internal security challenges and policing matters that could not be held in the previous year. The Directors-General of Police of all States and the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) will participate in the conference.

Since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government came to power in 2014, a conscious decision had been taken to organise the conference outside the national capital. The previous conferences were held in Guwahati, the Rann of Kutch, Hyderabad, Tekanpur, Kevadia, Pune and Lucknow.

With trade pact becoming a reality, Australian PM set to visit India

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is expected to visit India in March, diplomatic sources have confirmed.

The visit is aimed at expressing Canberra's political will for furthering bilateral ties that received a boost with the implementation of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) from December 29, when Mr. Albanese announced the planned visit with likely stops in New Delhi and Gujarat.

"Today, the Australia-India Trade Agreement comes into force. This will deliver new opportunities to Australian businesses. At the invitation of PM Narendra Modi, I will visit India in March with a business delegation committed to improving two-way trade between our two nations," Mr. Albanese had posted on his social media page.

The Hindu has learnt that Mr. Albanese's Gujarat itinerary will include watching a cricket match between India and Australia

Furthering ties: Anthony Albanese met Prime Minister Narendra Modi last year during the Quad summit in Tokyo. PTI

The ECTA, a less than comprehensive bilateral trade pact, was signed on April 2, 2022, by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and his then Australian counterpart, Dan Tehan, who belonged to the Scott Morrison Cabinet.

Following the change of guard in Canberra, the Albanese government moved to secure legislative endorsement last November for the trade pact that is aimed at facilitating trade on a large number of items while helping easier movement of students, professionals and tourists between both sides.

Apart from the ECTA with India, Australia also entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) with the United Kingdom last year.

Scheduled meets

The upcoming visit of Mr. Albanese is one of the several occasions when he will have the chance to interact with the top Indian leadership this year.

He is likely to host Mr. Modi, U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida in Australia for the Quad summit that was decided in Tokyo. Next, he is expected to travel to New Delhi for the G-20 summit that India will host.

Australian Ministers are likely to visit India during the year because of G-20 and other engagements. Australia has emerged as a pillar for India's security and defence partnership in the Indo-Pacific region, apart from trade.

During 2022-end, two Australian naval ships with 1,300 personnel onboard visited Visakhapatnam as part of the fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Endeavour, Australia's flagship regional engagement which included command post exercises, including an amphibious exercise with the Army and the Navy.

In a visit to India in June 2022, Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles said that Australia saw India as "completely central" to its "world view". In addition to bilateral cooperation, India and Australia partnership has been boosted in recent years because of trilateral and multilateral initiatives, including the Quad grouping of four nations – Australia, India, Japan and the U.S.

Conference to discuss relations between judiciary, legislature

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Discussions will be held on bringing all legislatures on a single digital Sansad platform

India's leadership of the G-20, relations between judiciary and legislature, and the effective functioning of Parliament and Assemblies will be on the agenda during the 83rd All India Presiding Officers Conference, which begins on Wednesday.

The conference, one of the largest gathering of Presiding Officers of the country's legislative bodies, will be inaugurated by Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar. The two-day conference will be chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Speaking at a meeting of the Standing Committee, which on Tuesday discussed the agenda of the conference, Mr. Birla said that the Constitution had defined the responsibilities and authority of the legislature, judiciary and executive.

"It is necessary that these three organs work in a harmonious manner as per the spirit of the Constitution."

It was decided in the meeting that during the conference, there will be a detailed discussion on India's leadership of G-20 and the role of legislatures in the same. The conference will also discuss steps on making Parliament and legislature more effective and accountable.

The Presiding Officers of the legislatures will discuss how legislatures can play an effective role in the changing scenario.

Discussions will also be held on further efforts to bring all legislatures of the country on a single digital Sansad platform. This will ensure quick and easy exchange of information and innovations being done in the legislative bodies across the country.

This will also increase the efficiency and quality of communication between the legislators and the public, officials said.

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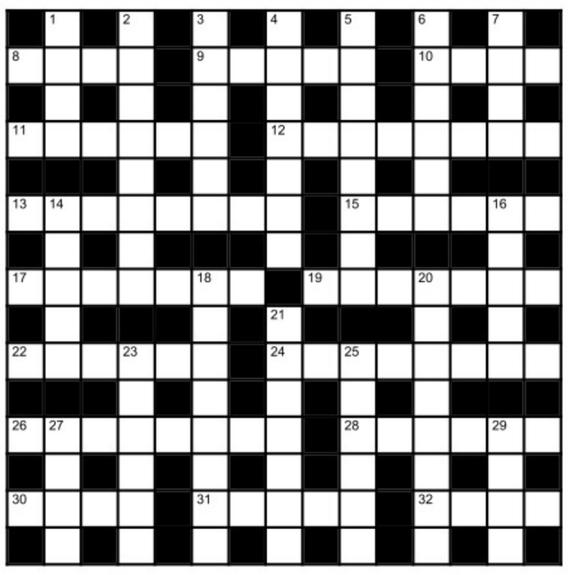

Across

8 Balderdash! One Indian bread? (4)
9 Throw out part of Suevic team (5)
10 Virginia Dalton makes South Indian doughnut? (4)
11 In gambling place, endless money is now offered in the beginning (6)
12 a. Initial medical assistance? (5,3)
13 Watchful, six soldiers capture port (8)
15 Lieutenant's song in loop (6)
17 Hot burnt remains is husband's narcotic substance (7)
19 Silly setter starts to dance in opera theatre in Copenhagen (7)
22 Desecrate narrow passage (6)
24 Coach corrupted? Rig a race! (8)
26 Rebellious clans dot northern part of UK (8)
28 Initially, Indian American follows general, one with high IQ (6)
30 Fried food from Jaipur, India (4)
31 Chump throwing away cereal from double cream mixture (5)
32 Top accountant rejected setter (4)

Down

1 Soda mixed to make pancake in the South (4)
2 Shrink strange rodent leaving third dimension (8)
3 Iron lawmaker's gold hat (6)
4 Non-conformists feel absence of having fishes in tanks at first (7)
5 Famous actor and model went ahead. Surprised? (8)
6 Incarnation aggravates throwing eggs randomly (6)
7 President Amin kidnaps student getting breakfast item in Chennai (4)
14 Foolish one in tavern begins to exaggerate (5)
16 Getting old silver in Germany (5)
18 They may serve when stars wed excitedly (8)
20 Eastern relation is going astray (8)
21 Flying ace Amy picks up daughter in educational institution (7)
23 Recognize Indian king has island (6)
25 Wrongly ignore district, for example (6)
27 Friend from China uses marijuana at first (4)
29 Food found in Bhandup market (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Bhuma Devi shows the way

Whenever Perumal assumed an avatar and descended on earth to save humanity, Mahalakshmi usually journeyed with Him as the female consort. However, in Varaha Perumal, it was Bhuma Devi who played a significant role. Eons later, Bhuma Devi was still unhappy and Varahan wondered why. She says, "I was in a small ocean, You saved me from Hrinyaakshan, but our children on earth are still suffering in their daily lives; they are lost and do not know the way to You." Varahan then suggested that She descend on earth and show people the bhakti margam, said Dhamal Ramakrishnan in a discourse. Taking shape as Andal, she is raised by Periazhwar as his own daughter in Srivilliputtur.

Keeping Rukmini as a role model, Andal advocates Tiruppavai nonbu to attain God. She visualises Srivilliputtur as Ayarpadi, and sings, "*Podhuveer Podhuvino*" (whoever is interested in getting close to God and receiving His blessings, can join me). Her margam is very simple: "*Vayinal paadi, manadhinal sindhithu, thoo malar toovi thozhudhu, Kesavanai kettu*," she sings, advocating shravana bhakti. Shravanam (listening to discourses) will alleviate past sins and protect us from fresh ones.

Appealing to God, she sings, "*Koodaraivellum seer Govinda*" (Govinda who conquers the bad), She refers to the parai He played in Govinda pattabhishekam, the perum parai in Trivikrama avatar (Jambhavan circumambulates this instrument); she also wants *'sala perum para'* the instrument played during rasa krida. She also seeks *Kodi* and *Vidhanam* (Hanuman, Garuda and Aadi Seshan) and *Kola Vilakku nappinnai* (Mahalakshmi) to join the women.

BEIJING

China says it's concerned over safety of its citizens in Pakistan

AP

China's new Foreign Minister Qin Gang in the first phone call with Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that Beijing is concerned about the safety of its workers based in Pakistan and urged him to take "strong" security measures. Mr. Qin had a phone call at the request of Mr. Bilawal on January 9, a Chinese Foreign Ministry said. PTI

ISLAMABAD

Poll panel issues warrants against Khan, aides in contempt case

REUTERS

Pakistan's Election Commission on Tuesday issued bailable arrest warrants for former PM Imran Khan and other top leaders in a contempt case. The Commission had issued notices in 2022 in the exercise of its powers of contempt after the PTI leaders repeatedly bashed the commission. PTI

OTTAWA

Canada imposes sanctions on 4 Sri Lankans over rights violations

REUTERS

Canada imposed sanctions on four Sri Lankan officials over human rights violations during armed conflict in Sri Lanka from 1983 to 2009, the Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday. "The Sri Lankans have suffered to the armed conflict, economic and political instability, and violations of human rights," Melanie Joly said. REUTERS

GENEVA

Execution of protesters in Iran 'state-sanctioned killing', says UN

AFP

Iran is weaponising the death penalty to crush dissent, and its execution of protesters without due process amounts to state-sanctioned killing, the UN said on Tuesday. Tehran has executed four people in connection with demonstrations in the country and at least 17 others reportedly sentenced to death. AFP

Lula slams far-right terror as Brazil clears protest camps

'We reject the terrorist acts and criminal, coup-mongering vandalism that occurred,' the Supreme Court Chief Justice, Congressional leaders and President Lula say in joint statement

Agence France-Presse
BRASÍLIA

Brazilian security forces cleared protest camps on Monday and arrested 1,500 people as President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva condemned "acts of terrorism" after a far-right mob stormed the seat of power, unleashing chaos on the capital. Soldiers and police personnel mobilised to dismantle an improvised camp outside the Army's headquarters in Brasilia.

There, some 3,000 supporters of ex-President Jair Bolsonaro had set up tents – used as a base for the sea of protesters who ran riot inside the presidential palace, Congress and the Supreme Court for around four hours on Sunday.

Mr. Lula, who took office on January 1 after a bitterly divisive election win over Mr. Bolsonaro, returned to work in the pillaged presidential palace, where *AFP* saw the wreckage that remained of the previous day's havoc: trashed artwork and offices, shattered windows and doors, broken glass strewn across the floor, and furniture dragged into a reflecting pool.

Mr. Lula, the 77-year-old veteran leftist who previously led Brazil from 2003 to 2010, met with the leaders of both Houses of Congress and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and joined them in condemning what many called

Taking stock: Brazil President Lula da Silva speaking to First Lady Rosangela 'Janja' da Silva on Monday. AFP

ficials said.

'Victim of conspiracy'

Mr. Bolsonaro, meanwhile, said on Twitter that he had been hospitalised in Florida with abdominal pains stemming from a near-fatal knife attack in 2018. He has alleged he is the victim of a conspiracy against him by Brazil's courts and electoral authorities.

The ex-President, dubbed the "Tropical Trump," travelled to Orlando on the second-to-last day of his term – snubbing Mr. Lula's inauguration, in a break with tradition.

As the nation continued the South American country's version of the U.S. Capitol riots two years ago.

"The three powers of the republic, the defenders of democracy and the Constitution, reject the terrorist acts and criminal, coup-mongering vandalism that occurred," they said in a joint statement.

Mr. Lula accepted an invitation to meet with President Joe Biden next month in Washington, the U.S. ofto come to grips with Sunday's stunning violence, hundreds of people gathered along a major avenue in downtown Sao Paulo to defend Brazilian democracy and demand punishment for the people who stormed the halls of power a day earlier. "I have not endured what I have in this life to see what I saw yesterday - my people, my country, divided in such a way," said Edi Valladares.

U.K. brings in legislation regulating labour strikes after discussions fail

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The U.K. government, on Tuesday, introduced legislation in the House of Commons mandating minimum service levels (MSL) in key public sectors, a day after talks between trade unions and the Conservative government failed to make adequate progress.

Under the proposed law, unions can be taken to court if a threshold level of service is not maintained in critical sectors. The unions criticised the legislation, calling it undemocratic, and questioning its legality and workability.

Introducing the Bill, Business Secretary Grant Shapps said the government believed in the right to strike but wanted to ensure the safety of the public. Earlier, Mr. Shapps had said ambulance workers had not provided a minimum level of service when they went on strike in December, resulting in the government's decision to legislate. Key public sector employees had gone on strike for days in December, demanding better pay and working conditions, with more strikes planned this month.

Grant Shapps

"The British people need to know that when they have heart attack, a stroke or a serious injury, that an ambulance will turn up and the need and if they need hospital care, they have access to it," Mr. Shapps said, adding that several other developed economies and democracies in Europe had similar laws. The Bill covers six sectors – health, education, fire safety, transport, border security and nuclear decommissioning.

Mr. Shapps said the administration hoped it would not need to use the powers in the Bill. The government is seeking to enter voluntary agreements in four of the six sectors: healthcare, education, border security and nuclear decommissioning.

Responding to Mr. Shapps, Labour Deputy Leader accused the Conservatives of having caused the problem. "The economic crisis made in Downing Street with sky-high inflation and recession has left working people facing an economic emergency," she said.

The Trade Union Congress organised a meeting of unions to discuss coordinating strikes with "a day of action in pursuit of fair pay for public service workers", as per a report in *the Guardian*.

Russia steps up attack on Ukraine's Soledar

Reuters
KYIV/SIVERSK

Russian troops have stepped up an assault on the town of Soledar in eastern Ukraine, forcing Ukrainian troops to repel waves of attacks led by mercenary forces, officials in Kyiv said. Britain's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday that Russian and forces of the Wagner contract group were probably now in control of most of the small salt mining town after advances in the last four days.

"Russia's Soledar axis is highly likely an effort to envelop Bakhmut from the north, and to disrupt Ukrainian lines of communication," Britain said in an intelligence briefly.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his nightly video address on Monday that Bakhmut and Soledar were holding on despite widespread destruction.

China suspends visas for South Koreans

Associated Press
BEIJING

The Chinese government suspended issuing tourist and business visas on Tuesday for South Koreans – and reportedly for Japanese too – in apparent retaliation for COVID-19 testing requirements imposed by those countries on travellers from China.

The Chinese Embassy in Seoul, said the ban would continue until South Korea lifts its "discriminatory entry measures" against China.

Japan's *Kyodo News* service said the ban would also affect Japanese travelers, though there was no similar announcement from China. A Japanese Foreign Ministry official said the government was aware of the report and was holding unofficial discussions with Chinese authorities about measures being considered by Beijing.

Sri Lanka's political rivals UNP and SLPP declare alliance, to contest polls together

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

President Ranil Wickremesinghe's United National Party (UNP) and the Rajapaksas' Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP or People's Front) have decided to contest polls together, in a historic alliance of the former arch-rivals, now cohabiting government following extraordinary political changes last year.

The UNP general secretary, Palitha Range Bandara, told reporters that following discussions, the two parties had decided to contest under the UNP's elephant symbol in some districts, the SLPP's lotus bud symbol in others, and a possible common symbol in the rest. The arrangement, should the scheduled Local Government elections be held early this year, would mark the coming together of the island's two main camps in Sinhala polity – the SLPP was carved out of the Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) – that have competed for power for over seven decades.

Opinion divided

However, opinion on the conduct of the Local Government polls, held last in 2018, is divided in Sri Lanka. Some argue that the crisis-hit island cannot afford

The arrangement will mark the coming together of the island nation's two main camps in Sinhala polity

an election while struggling to recover. Others maintain that the current government, helmed by Mr. Wickremesinghe and backed by the Rajapaksas' party, has no mandate to rule the country, after a public uprising dislodged the Rajapaksa clan. They see an election as a test of public opinion on the current government and a vital democratic exercise.

Sri Lanka's Election Commission said it would accept nominations for the Local Government elections from January 18 to 21. Citizens will get to elect members to the municipal councils, urban councils and pradeshiya sabhas at the rural level in the island-wide polls.

An estimated LKR 10 billion (roughly ₹220 crore) is required for holding the elections to the local authorities, according to the poll body.

Different parties have moved the Supreme Court respectively seeking the suspension of polls, or its conduct. The cases are being heard.

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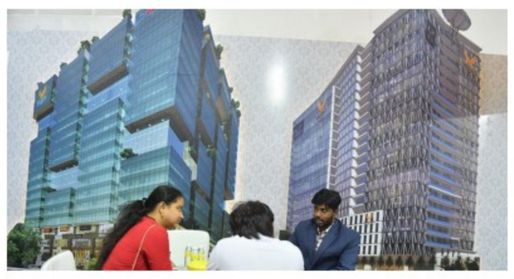


Housing sales in 2022 rose to nine-year high: Knight Frank

With the opening up of the economy post the pandemic, Knight Frank said housing sales rose 34% to a nine-year high while gross office leasing grew 36% in 2022 across 8 major cities. While housing sales rose to 3,12,666 units across 8, major cities, the gross leasing of office space grew to 51.6 million square feet. Knight Frank India Chairman and Managing Director Shishir Baijal said housing sales grew in 2022 despite rise in prices and interest rates on home loans. PTI

'Supply-chain leaders see grim 2023 on recession, inflation'

A majority of supply-chain leaders, who featured in a recent survey, predicted a grim 2023 for global businesses across the globe primarily on account of inflation and recession. As per the survey titled 'Supply chain and shipping predictions for 2023,' India and Vietnam were seen as attractive alternatives for the 'China+1' strategy. The survey, based on responses from 2,600 industry professionals in more than 20 countries, was published by Container xChange.

Electronics firm Cyient DLM plans to raise ₹740 cr. via IPO

Electronic manufacturing services and solutions provider Cyient DLM has filed a draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator SEBI for an initial public offering (IPO) comprising a fresh issue aggregating up to ₹740 crore. The firm plans to use the funds for funding incremental capital requirements, capital expenditure, debt repayment/prepayment, achieving inorganic growth through acquisitions as well as for general corporate purposes, the company said.

'Pre-poll Budget unlikely to feature big reforms, rural spending to rise'

Goldman sees higher allocations for welfare and infrastructure ahead of Lok Sabha elections in 2024; multinational financial services firm expects cuts in capital expenditure for defence based on analysis of previous pre-poll budgets

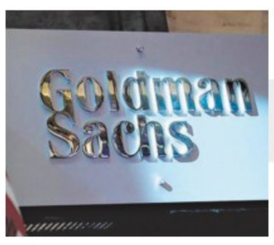
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Budget of 2023-24, India's final full-year Budget before the Lok Sabha polls in 2024, is unlikely to see any major reforms and could see higher allocations for welfare measures as well as capex along with cuts in defence expenditure, as witnessed in recent pre-election Budgets, Goldman Sachs said in a report on Tuesday.

"Given the general elections scheduled to take place in 2024, we expect the government to increase rural and welfare spending as seen in pre-election Budgets... Rural employment and housing are likely to be in focus," Goldman reckoned.

Election overhang

Analysis of budgets ahead of polls over last 15 years shows trends including increase in capex allocation for rural jobs, housing



- Typically current expenditures have seen higher outlays for education, healthcare
- In 2018-19, defence capex was cut to 32% of total from a 4-year average of 36%
- Infra capex share rose to 40%, from average of 29% over previous 4 years

Based on an analysis of pre-poll Budgets over the last 15 years, Goldman noted that typically, there is an increase in capex allocation towards infrastructure, mainly roads and railways, and a cut in defence spending. "In the case of current expenditures, we have typically seen an increased allocation towards rural spending or welfare schemes (mainly in education and healthcare)."

In the 2018-19 Budget for instance, defence capital expenditure had been slashed from 36% of total capex averaged in the previous four years to 32%, while infrastructure's capex share rose from 29% averaged in the previous four years to 40%, it noted. Welfare spending rose from 8% of current expenditure averaged between 2014-15 and 2017-18, to 19% of total expenditure.

"We do not expect any significant reforms... but some measures to watch out for include any details on incentives for 'Make in India', a roadmap on direct tax code implementation," Goldman added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	60,115	-1.04
US Dollar	81.74	0.74
Gold	56,160	-0.39
Brent oil	79.33	-1.42

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3646.90	-208.40
Adani Ports	796.40	-20.25
Apollo Hosp	4466.65	58.95
Asian Paints	2960.35	-23.80
Axis Bank	952.15	-6.60
Bajaj Auto	3574.20	-46.55
Bajaj Finserv	1413.30	-0.70
Bajaj Finance	5904.15	-89.20
Bharti Airtel	792.85	-26.55
BPCL	347.35	0.60
Britannia Ind	4326.85	-37.45
Cipla	1078.70	-8.75
Coal India	216.75	1.80
Divis Lab	3501.85	42.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4288.70	-45.30
Eicher Motors	3167.55	-95.00
Grasim Ind	1651.00	-22.60
HCL Tech	1063.85	-3.60
HDFC	2575.35	-40.55
HDFC Bank	1568.30	-29.20
HDFC Life	600.20	-8.25
Hero MotoCorp	2712.05	-40.30
Hindalco	477.55	6.80
Hind Unilever	2643.85	19.80
ICICI Bank	861.35	-12.00
IndusInd Bank	1227.55	8.90
Infosys	1469.75	-14.70
ITC	333.40	-4.65
JSW Steel	745.20	2.85
Kotak Bank	1795.55	-16.35
L&T	2106.65	-15.05
M&M	1314.90	4.55
Maruti Suzuki	8293.15	-83.85
NestleIndia	20023.95	-61.75
NTPC	167.95	-2.45
ONGC	149.35	1.20
PowerGrid Corp	211.80	2.70
Reliance Ind	2558.40	-38.40
SBI Life	1302.60	-3.75
State Bank	595.15	-12.55
Sun Pharma	1011.85	-5.00
TataConsumerProduct	769.25	2.30
Tata Motors	412.90	23.45
Tata Steel	118.85	1.30
TCS	3286.40	-33.55
Tech Mahindra	1002.65	-12.60
Titan	2468.20	-16.45
UltraTech Cement	6920.30	-114.55
UPL	724.65	-9.55
Wipro	393.05	1.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.59	81.91
Euro	87.59	87.94
British Pound	99.21	99.61
Japanese Yen (100)	61.73	61.97
Chinese Yuan	12.03	12.08
Swiss Franc	88.51	88.87
Singapore Dollar	61.28	61.54
Canadian Dollar	60.90	61.14
Malaysian Ringitt	18.65	18.73
Australian Dollar	56.18	56.41

Source:Indian Bank

Michael Patra reappointed RBI Deputy Governor

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Union government has reappointed Michael Debabrata Patra as Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, for a further period of one year with effect from January 15, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, according to a notification.

Dr. Patra, a career central banker, is in charge of monetary policy at the RBI and is a member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

'U.S. inflation hit gem, jewellery exports in Dec., UAE pact helped'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

GJEPC flags CEPA in helping make up for 'gap' in exports to key markets such as U.S. and Hong Kong

While high inflation in the U.S. has begun impacting India's exports of gem & jewelley, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and UAE is likely proving beneficial for exports.

In December 2022, the overall gem & jewellery exports witnessed a decline of 11.25% to ₹19,432.88 crore (declined 18.9% in dollar terms to $2,356.70 million) compared with the year-earlier period.

However, total gross export of plain gold jewellery grew 21.31% in the same month to ₹2,369.74 crore (10.97% increase to $287.46 million), according to data released by the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC).

Plain gold jewellery exports from India for April-December 2022 grew 20.98% to ₹24,242.91 crore, the data showed.

For the April-December 2022 period, gross exports of gem & jewellery witnessed growth of 6.28% to ₹227,534.50 crore (declined 0.73% to $28,608.22 million) compared with the same period last year.

"Overall exports of gem & jewellery in April-December show a positive trend but December exports reflect global headwinds... in terms of inflation and talk of downturn in U.S.," said GJEPC chairman Vipul Shah.

"The commissioning of India-UAE CEPA has resulted in exponential growth in exports of plain gold jewellery to make up for the gap in exports to key markets such as the U.S. and Hong Kong," he added.

'G7 to seek two price caps for Russian oil products'

Reuters
BRUSSELS

The Group of Seven (G7) coalition will seek to set two price caps on Russian refined products in February, one for products trading at a premium to crude oil and the other for those trading at a discount, a G7 official said.

The coalition – which includes the U.S. and the European Union – introduced a $60 per barrel price cap on Russian crude from December 5, on top of the EU embargo on sea imports of Russian crude.

'PLI to offer more sops for IT hardware with IP designed in India'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

India aiming to achieve in 5 years what most nations did over decades in semiconductors: Min

India will soon unveil a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for IT server and hardware manufacturing, which would encourage use of intellectual property (IP) generated in the country, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Tuesday.

It would be similar to the PLI for mobile phones. "In the [new] PLI scheme, we will create additional incentives for manufacturers or OEMs that incorporate IP designed in India into their systems and products," he added.

The Minister, while virtually inaugurating the VLSI Design Conference 2023, also highlighted how India was pursuing a vision of emerging as a semiconductor hub, which, while being relevant to the country, would contribute to the global innovation ecosystem. "We are putting government capital to work in actively catalysing the India semiconductor ecosystem".

In doing so, the Centre is working to achieve 'in five years what most countries, including China, attempted to do over several decades', he said.

Sugar exports stood at 17 lakh tonnes for Oct. 1-Jan. 4 period

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India exported 16.92 lakh tonnes of sugar till January 4 of the ongoing marketing year, including 59,596 tonnes of the sweetener to neighbouring China, trade association AISTA said in a statement on Tuesday.

India also exported 1.47 lakh tonnes of sugar to Bangladesh, and 82,462 tonnes to Sri Lanka during October-January 4 of the current marketing year, All India Sugar Trade Association (AISTA) said. The marketing year runs from October to September. The Centre has allowed export of 6 million tonnes till May.

Mills exported 16,92,751 tonnes of sugar from October 1, 2022 to January 4.

More than 3.47 lakh tonnes of sugar is under loading, while 2.54 lakh tonnes of sugar have been delivered to refineries, seen as deemed export, it said. The maximum exports were to Somalia at 1.7 lakh tonnes, followed by the UAE at 1.69 lakh tonnes, Djibouti at 1.5 lakh tonnes, and Sudan at 1.37 lakh tonnes.

India's sugar exports were 11.2 million tonnes in the 2021-22 marketing year.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT.)

No. PWD/BGM/TND/TA/AE/2022-23/7594 Date: 07.01.2023

-: ITEM RATE TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT):-

The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi invites item rate tenders from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement portal in Public Works Department under KW- 2 & 3 Standard tender documents for a total of 29 works under 8443-Deposit works(Vivek Schools), with maximum & minimum tender amounts of Rs. 79.78 Lakhs & Rs. 40.34 Lakhs respectively and. maximum & minimum EMD amounts of Rs. 1,59,600/- & 40,400/- respectively. Part-1:Tender receipt Date is on 17-01-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Tender Opening Date is on 18-01-2023 after 4.45 PM and Part-2:Tender receipt Date is on 17-01-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Technical Bid Opening Date is on 18-01-2023 after 4.45 PM , For more information contact the office of the undersigned and www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in after 07.01.2023.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Belagavi Division Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1525/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 13291/CALL-2 Dated: 09.01.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender invited through e-procurement portal from agencies for the work of **Supply, dismantling, erection, testing and commissioning of chiller water line with thermal insulation from chiller room to AHU room of Unit- 5 & 6 AC system**. Date of receipt of tenders: **17.01.2023 upto 16.30 Hrs.** All relevant details are available in e-portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the Office of the **Executive Engineer (LT-2),** KPCL, RTPS, Shakthinagar-584170, Raichur Dist., Karnataka. Mob: 94495 96536. E-mail: eelt2rtps@gmail.com

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Tender Notification No.: 41/22-23 Date: 07.01.2023

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 19 works through e-proc coming under Chikkamagaluru and Kadur Public Works Department sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 10.00 lakh and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 2500.00 lakhs. For Tender to be submitted through e-proc for 19 works (on 30.01.2023 for 3 works, on 27.01.2023 for 2 works, on 18.01.2023 for 2 works, on 17.02.2023 for 1 work, on 13.02.2023 for 1-work and on 21.01.2023 for 10 works within 4.00 PM) tender should be submitted. In case these days are declared as holidays the next days will be considered. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

DIPR/ckm/No.248/mca/22-23/1646

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road,
Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010. Telefax : 080-22024000
e-mail : cekrdcl@gmail.com Website: http://www.krdcl.in

No. KRDCL/IFB/2022-23/38 Date: 09.01.2023

INVITATION OF BIDS FOR COLLECTION OF ROAD USER FEE

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) proposes to invite bids from reputed company / partnership firm / proprietary firm / individuals for **Collection of User Fee from Toll Plazas near Byadarahalli, Niluvagilu and Coorgal Villages on Hassan-Ramanathapura - Periyapatna Road SH-21 (TCP-3) having a length of 73.69 km in the State of Karnataka.** Interested bidders can participate through e-procurement portal and documents can be downloaded from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date of receipt of tender is on **24.01.2023 upto 17.30 hours** & Technical bids will be opened on **27.01.2023 at 11.30 hours.**

Note: Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through News Papers and further changes if any, will be updated only on e-portal / KRDCL Website **http://www.krdcl.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
KRDCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/BCPL/4022/2022-23

PE inflows plunged 42% to $23.3 bn in 2022: report

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Private equity (PE) investments into domestic companies fell sharply year-on-year by 42% to $23.3 billion in 2022, the lowest since 2019, when it stood at $15.8 billion, according to a report by Refinitiv.

Elaine Tan, senior analyst at Refinitiv, the LSEG business arm providing financial markets data and insights, attributed the sharp drop to geopolitical tensions, rising interest rates and recession fears in the West, which all made global investors cautious.

'Utilities' yearly coal need may rise 8% on renewables deficit'

Reuters
SINGAPORE/NEW DELHI

India expects its power plants to burn about 8% more coal in the fiscal year ending March 2024, according to a senior government official and a Power Ministry presentation, after the country missed its 2022 renewable-energy goal by more than 30%.

The world's third-largest energy consumer and emitter of greenhouse gases has been clinging to coal for energy security as it tries to get its economy back on track after a COVID slowdown and stave off power shortages that led to idled factories and villages without electricity during a heatwave.

Short of target

Two government officials familiar with the matter said that because of COVID constraints, India added only 120 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy to its power grid by 2022, short of its target of 175 GW.

At the same time, an uptick in economic activity and the heatwave during the first quarter triggered a surge in power demand – a rise the government expects to persist in 2023-24.

The government hopes to add 16 GW of renewable energy in the next fiscal year, a 13% rise in current installed capacity.

The push to increase imports by the world's second-largest coal importer could drive up global prices as China ends zero-COVID policy and attempts to ramp up industrial activity.

China and India together account for three-fourths of electricity consumption in Asia-Pacific.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr Durlabh M Bhomawat S/o Late Mohanraj Bhomawat and Mrs RajeshwariB homawat W/o Durlabh M Bhomawat free from all encumbrances. Any person/s, having any claim, interest or right on the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of any litigation(s) pending before any court or tribunal or governmental or statutory authority or by way of inheritance, sale, exchange, mortgage, lien, pledge, gift, trust, bequest, possession, lease, charge, easement, grant, tenancy or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate the same to the undersigned in writing within Ten(10) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/its claim, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim, and the claims, if any, of such person (s) shall be treated as waived and not binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No 282, measuring East to West 18.29 Meters and North to South 12.19 Meters, totally measuring 222.97 Sq. Meters (2400 Sq. Feet) with residential house constructed thereon, situated at Block No 1, Matadahalli Extension (R.T Nagar), having BBMP khatha No 282, PID No 97-1-282, Ward No 97, R.T Nagar 1st Block, Bengaluru and bounded on the East : Road; West: Site No 287; North : Site No 283; South: Site No 281.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tender are invited for the Purchase of Medical Equipments in Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute.

1	E-Tenders are invited for the Purchase of Medical Equipments to start under State Allied Health Science Courses to Dept. of IHBT and Cardiology, Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru.	**Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(2)/40/2019-20, Dated: 09.01.2023**
2	E-Tenders are invited for the Purchase of Medical Equipments to Dept. of Fetal Medicine, Laparoscopic Unit to Dept. of General Surgery, Laser Equipment to Dept. of Dermatology and Autoclave to Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, BMCRI, Bengaluru.	**Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(1)/94/2022-23, Dated: 09.01.2023**

1) Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: **11-01-2023. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting: **18-01-2023 at 3.30 PM. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: **25-01-2023 before 4.30 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Tenders: **27-01-2023 at 11.30 AM.**

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only. Website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website.

For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute,** Bengaluru.

Sd/- Director cum Dean,
BMCRI, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4014/Adverto/2022-23

HONOUR

Brook and Gardner claim ICC award for December

Harry Brook on Tuesday bagged his maiden ICC men's Player-of-the-Month award after a blistering run of scores in December which helped England claim a WTC series victory in Pakistan. Australian all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner secured the women's award.

NEW VISTAS

Nadal to own team in electric powerboat series

Rafael Nadal has become a new team owner in the world's first all-electric race boat championship, organisers said on Tuesday. He will enter his team for the inaugural season of the UIM E1 World Championship, set to begin later this year. The series is the brainchild of Alejandro Agag, founder of the electric Formula E.

BAN REDUCED

Sigh of relief for javelin thrower Shivpal Singh

Top Indian javelin thrower Shivpal Singh's ban period was on Tuesday reduced from four years to one as the Appeal Panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) accepted his contention that "contaminated supplement" was behind his flunked dope test, his lawyer said. Hence, he is free to compete now.

DIFFERENT ROLE?

Wales boss wants Bale to stay involved in international set-up

Wales manager Rob Page wants Gareth Bale to stay involved in the international set-up after the star forward announced he was hanging up his boots. Page said he had spoken with Bale about his staying within the Wales set-up. "I would love him to be involved in some capacity, what that role is I don't know yet," he said.

Kohli's 45th ODI century sets up India's big victory

Skipper Rohit and Gill give a solid start to the innings with a 143-run partnership as the hosts, put in to bat, post a formidable 373 for seven; Sri Lanka captain Shanaka's aggressive hundred goes in vain

SRI LANKA IN INDIA

Y.B. Sarangi
GUWAHATI

Virat Kohli's 45th hundred in the 50-over format propelled India to a convincing 67-run victory in the first of the three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday.

Apart from Kohli, who scored his third ODI century in the city and a second successive one at the venue, captain Rohit Sharma and his opening partner Shubman Gill got fifties on a batters' paradise as India, inserted, posted a strong 373 for seven.

Express bowler Umran Malik's career-best three-wicket haul enabled India to restrict Sri Lanka for 306 for eight, despite skipper Dasun Shanaka's defiant unbeaten hundred (108 n.o., 88b, 12x4, 3x6) and Pathum Nissanka's half-century.

While laying a solid foundation with a century partnership, the Indian openers entertained the spectators.

Seasoned pro Rohit (83, 67b, 9x4, 3x6) ruled the on-side with his exquisite pulls, whereas young gun Gill (70, 60b, 11x4) lorded over the off-side with his immaculate cuts and punches. Later, the two showed their authority on the other half of the field.

After Rohit and Gill survived lbw appeals against spinners, Shanaka provided the breakthrough with his medium-pace in the 20th over. Gill, playing across, was leg before wicket.

Rohit departed inside-edging one on to his stumps to give debutant left-arm seamer Dilshan Madushanka his maiden wicket.

Taking charge, Kohli (113, 87b, 12x4, 1x6) used his sharp eyes and smart cricketing brain to mostly work the ball around in the first half of his innings.

Following a 40-run stand with Shreyas Iyer, Kohli – who showcased his commendable drives on the on-side, including a sweet six, and straight down the ground besides some lovely cuts, collaborated with K.L. Rahul (39, 29b, 4x4, 1x6) to handle the middle overs well. They added 90 runs.

Kohli, dropped twice off Rajitha, capitalised on the guests' largesse and scored his second consecutive ODI hundred. It was his 73rd international century.

Rajitha redeemed some pride as Kohli skied a slower delivery to be caught behind in the 49th over.

Sri Lanka, which denied India a 400-plus aggregate, struggled in its reply as home pacers tasted success to minimise the effect of dew.

Mohammed Siraj claimed Avishka Fernando and Kusal Mendis in back-to-back overs and Umran accounted for Charith Asalanka inside 15 overs.

Nissanka (72, 80b, 11x4) consolidated the Lankan innings by forging a 72-run stand with Dhananjaya de Silva (47, 40b, 9x4).

Mohammed Shami celebrated his return by dismissing Dhananjaya with bounce and movement.

Bowling fast, Umran removed Nissanka in the 31st over to draw life out of Lanka's chase and secured Dunith Wellalage's wicket to mark a fruitful outing.

Shanaka achieved a praiseworthy century in the penultimate balland stood for an unbroken 100-run stand with Kasun Rajitha.

Regal display: Kohli showcased an exquisite range of drives on either side of the wicket en route his hundred. RITU RAJ KONWAR

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Rohit Sharma b Madushanka 83 (67b, 9x4, 3x6), Shubman Gill lbw b Shanaka 70 *(60b, 11x4)*, Virat Kohli c Mendis b Rajitha 113 *(87b, 12x4, 1x6)*, Shreyas Iyer c Avishka b Dhananjaya 28 *(24b, 3x4, 1x6)*, K.L. Rahul b Rajitha 39 *(29b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Hardik Pandya c Hasaranga b Rajitha 14 *(12b, 1x6)*, Axar Patel c Avishka b Karunaratne 9 *(9b)*, Mohammed Shami (not out) 4 *(4b)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 7 *(8b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-5): 6; Total (for seven wkts. in 50 overs): 373.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-143 (Gill, 19.4 overs), 2-173 (Rohit, 23.1), 3-213 (Shreyas, 29.1), 4-303 (Rahul, 40.5), 5-330 (Hardik, 44.2), 6-362 (Axar, 47.5), 7-364 (Kohli, 48.2).

SRI LANKA BOWLING

Rajitha 10-0-88-3, Madushanka 6-0-43-1, Hasaranga 10-0-67-0, Karunaratne 8-0-54-1, Wellalage 8-0-65-0, Shanaka 3-0-22-1, Dhananjaya 5-0-33-1.

SRI LANKA

Pathum Nissanka c Axar b Umran 72 *(80b, 11x4)*, Avishka Fernando c Hardik b Siraj 5 *(12b, 1x4)*, Kusal Mendis b Siraj 0 *(4b)*, Charith Asalanka c Rahul b Umran 23 *(28b, 3x4)*, Dhananjaya de Silva c Rahul b Shami 47 *(40b, 9x4)*, Dasun Shanaka (not out) 108 *(88b, 12x4, 3x6)*, Wanindu Hasaranga c Shreyas b Chahal 16 *(7b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Dunith Wellalage c Gill b Umran 0 *(1b)*, Chamika Karunaratne c Rohit b Hardik 14 *(21b, 2x4)*, Kasun Rajitha (not out) 9 *(19b)*; Extras (lb-3, w-9): 12; Total (for eight wkts. in 50 overs): 306.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-19 (Avishka, 3.5), 2-23 (Mendis, 5.3), 3-64 (Asalanka, 13.6), 4-136 (Dhananjaya, 24.5), 5-161 (Nissanka, 30.4), 6-178 (Hasaranga, 31.6), 7-179 (Wellalage, 32.2), 8-206 (Karunaratne, 37.5).

INDIA BOWLING

Shami 9-0-67-1, Siraj 7-1-30-2, Hardik 6-0-33-1, Umran 8-0-57-3, Chahal 10-0-58-1, Axar 10-0-58-0.

Toss: Sri Lanka. **PoM:** Kohli. India won by 67 runs to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series. **Second ODI:** *Jan. 12, Kolkata, 1.30 p.m.*

It feels good when your captain backs you, says Shubman Gill

Y.B. Sarangi
GUWAHATI

Even as he gathered confidence from captain Rohit Sharma's support, young Indian opener Shubman Gill rued that he could not convert his half-century into a hundred on a batter-friendly track in the first ODI against Sri Lanka at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday.

Disappointing

Gill, who fell leg before wicket in the 20th over after scoring 70 off 60 deliveries, was disappointed. "I did all the hard work to get going. I had almost 30 overs to bat. Obviously it was disappointing," said Gill.

"It feels good when your captain backs you. This was the conversation we had in the practice sessions. I look to play my natural game."

Gill said dew posed challenges for India while fielding second.

"I don't think bowling is a concern. We got them eight down on that pitch and there was dew as well. It was not easy to bowl.

"I think we bowled pretty well. It was difficult to field and catch the white ball. It's like catching the ball with butter (smeared) on your hands."

Gill played a good hand at the top of the order.
RITU RAJ KONWAR

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Sri Lanka coach Chris Silverwood said his team let India get a good start but could not do the same.

He was delighted with centurion captain Dasun Shanaka's fine display even in a losing cause.

Saina and Srikanth make first-round exits

Press Trust of India
KUALA LUMPUR

Saina Nehwal and K. Srikanth suffered first-round exits from the season-opening Malaysia Open here on Tuesday. Saina lost 12-21, 21-17, 12-21 to Han Yue of China in the $1,250,000 Super 1000 tournament.

The results (first round): Men: Kenta Nishimoto (Jpn) bt K. Srikanth 21-19, 21-14. **Doubles:** Kang Min Hyuk & Seo Seung Jae (Kor) bt G. Krishna Prasad & P. Vishnuvardhan Goud 21-10, 21-18. **Women:** Han Yue bt Saina Nehwal 21-12, 17-21, 21-12; Wen Chi Hsu (Tpe) bt Akarshi Kashyap 21-10, 21-8. **Doubles:** Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Yeung Nga Ting & Yeung Pui Lam (HK) 21-19, 21-14.

Atalanta returns to winning ways

Reuters
BOLOGNA

A second-half strike by Atalanta forward Rasmus Hojlund helped secure a 2-1 win at Bologna in Serie A on Monday, moving Gian Piero Gasperini's side back into the top six.

The results: Verona 2 (Lazovic 9, 26) bt Cremonese 0; Bologna 1 (Orsolini 6) lost to Atalanta 2 (Koopmeiners 47, Hojlund 58).

Fairytale run: The Belgium team with Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik in Bhubaneswar, 2018.
FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

Belgium announces arrival with a bang, winning maiden title

WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

2014, The Hague (May 31-June 15)

The Netherlands played World Cup host for a record third time but were not third time lucky, losing to defending champion Australia in a one-sided 6-1 defeat in the final. It was the biggest defeat for the Dutch in the competition and firmly established Australia as the best team in the world and extended its position at the top even though the Olympic gold continued to elude it.

It also confirmed Ric Charlesworth as coach extraordinaire. The team's performance – an incredible 30 goals scored conceding only three – despite not having the tournament's top-scorer in its ranks proved its collective might.

The Dutch had a tougher route to the final, struggling past a fighting England by a lone goal.

India's struggles continued, winning and drawing a game each – against Malaysia and Spain respectively – to finish ninth with a 3-0 win against South Korea.

Top three: Australia, the Netherlands, Argentina; **India:** Ninth.

2018, Bhubaneswar (Nov. 28-Dec. 16)

Bhubaneswar firmly established itself as the hockey capital as India joined the Netherlands as a three-time host and Belgium announced its arrival with a bang, winning its maiden title in style, defeating three-time champion the Netherlands on penalties in a crackling final to add to its growing stature in world hockey in the tournament that expanded again to 16 teams after the 2006 edition.

That it was ranked third in the world and managed to reach the 2016 Olympics final despite its previous World Cup best being fifth four years ago only added to its fairytale appeal, burnished by the fact that this was Belgium's first title at any major event.

The changed format of the competition of four groups of four each saw India topping its group, bettering Belgium's goal difference before faltering against the Netherlands in the quarterfinals to finish sixth.

Top three: Belgium, the Netherlands, Australia; **India:** Sixth.

Sreeja stuns Chen, joins Manika in last 16; Sharath in the pre-quarterfinals

WTTC

Sports Bureau

Battling from the brink of defeat, National champion Sreeja Akula posted the biggest victory of her career by stunning World No. 21 Chen Szu-Yu to enter the women singles pre-quarterfinals of the Asian Continental Stage of the 2023 WTTC Finals in Doha on Tuesday.

Ranked 72nd in the latest world rankings, Sreeja fought from being 1-3 down and staring at defeat in the close fifth set before pulling off a 11-2, 5-11, 2-11, 5-11, 13-11, 11-9, 11-8 victory.

Manika Batra, ranked 35, defeated Hong Kong's 93rd-ranked Zhu Chengzhu in straight sets.

Bowing out

Reeth Rishya lost to World No 5 Hina Hayata (Japan), Swastika Ghosh ended her campaign after running into World No. 18 Jihee Jeon (Korea) and Diya Chitale took a set off World No. 20 Miu Hirano (Japan) before bowing out.

In men's singles, Sharath Kamal kept alive India's challenge by advancing to pre-quarterfinals. He defeated low-ranked Iranian Amin Ahmadian 4-1.

Earlier, Harmeet Desai lost to World No. 1 Fan Zhengdong (China) and Manush Shah surrendered to World No 16 Lim Jonghoon (Korea).

Sreeja Akula.
FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

The results (second round, involving Indians): Men: Sharath Kamal bt Amin Ahmadian (Iri) 13-11, 11-3, 10-12, 11-7, 11-6; Fan Zhendong (Chn) bt Harmeet Desai 11-6, 11-8, 11-6, 11-7; Lim Jonghoon (Kor) bt Manush Shah 11-4, 11-7, 11-7, 11-5.

Women: Sreeja Akula bt Chen Szu-Yu (Tpe) 11-2, 5-11, 2-11, 5-11, 13-11, 11-9, 11-8; Manika Batra bt Zhu Chengzhu (Hkg) 13-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-8; Hina Hayata (Jpn) bt Reeth Rishya 11-7, 11-5, 11-4, 11-3; Jihee Jeon (Kor) bt Swastika Ghosh 11-8, 11-7, 11-6, 11-5; Miu Hirano (Jpn) bt Diya Chitale 11-8, 11-4, 9-11, 11-4, 11-3.

INBRIEF

Wareham surprise inclusion in Australia's T20 WC squad

Leg-spinner Georgia Wareham was the surprise inclusion in Australia's squad for the Women's World Cup in South Africa beginning on February 10. Wareham has not played a T20 match since rupturing her ACL in October 2021. Australia is the defending champion. Captain Meg Lanning will lead the side on return from a six-month break. There are two changes to the Australia squad that featured in the 4-1 series win in India last month with Lanning and Wareham replacing Phoebe Litchfield and Nicola Carey. Alyssa Healy, who suffered a calf strain on the India tour, is expected to regain full fitness in time for the World Cup.

The squad: Meg Lanning (Capt.), Alyssa Healy (Vice-Capt.), Darcie Brown, Ashleigh Gardner, Kim Garth, Heather Graham, Grace Harris, Jess Jonassen, Alana King, Tahlia McGrath, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland and Georgia Wareham.

Applications invited for Women and Rookie racers

PETRONAS TVS Racing invites aspiring racers to apply for the Women and Rookie category of One Make Championship 2023. The selection round for the same will be first held in Bengaluru on January 28 followed by the second round in Pune on February 4. The top 20 participants from the respective locations will be selected for the final round at MMRT Chennai. For registration, call 9632253833.

Vyshak and Koushik bundle out Rajasthan for paltry score

Fellow Karnataka pacer Kaverappa also complements well as the host bowlers make optimum use of a pitch that offered movement and bounce

RANJI TROPHY

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Karnataka pacers Vyshak Vijaykumar (four for 50) and V. Koushik (four for 37) delivered crushing blows to knock Rajasthan for a mere 129 in 45.3 overs out on the first day of its Ranji Trophy Elite Group 'C' match at Alur (II) Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday.

On a pitch which offered movement and bounce, Vyshak and Koushik hassled the batters by keeping a good length on off-stump. The men behind the bat had a busy day, as edges flew thick and fast.

Vidwath Kaverappa picked up the other wickets to complete a clean sweep for the fast bowlers. Karnataka moved to 106 for two by close of play.

Flying high: Karnataka pacer Koushik celebrates after scalping one of his four victims. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Early strikes

The writing was on the wall for Rajasthan when it lost four wickets in the first session. The wicket of opener K.S. Rathore (33, 54b, 5x4, 1x6), the fourth man to fall, opened the floodgates.

Captain Ashok Menaria was next to go, immediately after lunch, caught-behind off Vyshak. All hopes of a Rajasthan revival rested on Karan Lamba, who scored a century in the previous match. Lamba appeared comfortable until a loose drive was grabbed by Nikin Jose at gully. From 104 for six, Rajasthan folded in quick time.

Karnataka opener R. Samarth, with three centuries and an 81 to his name in the last four matches, was dismissed by Aniket Choudhary for eight. Samarth's unhappy reaction indicated that the ball had clipped his pads.

Devdutt Padikkal (32, 47b, 5x4) showed signs of class in his return to competitive cricket. Out for three months with an illness, he impressed with a cover drive and straight drive of the highest quality. Half an hour before close of play, Padikkal got an inside edge and was bowled by Choudhary.

Captain Mayank Agarwal remained unbeaten on 49. Mayank received a life on 22, when he edged one to the wicketkeeper. The batter was recalled when it was found that bowler Arafat Khan had overstepped.

The scores:

Rajasthan — 1st innings: Yash Kothari c Gowtham b Kaverappa 0, K.S. Rathore c Samarth b Vyshak 33, Mahipal Lomror c Devdutt Padikkal b Koushik 0, Aditya Garhwal lbw Kaverappa 19, Ashok Menaria c Sharath b Vyshak 12, Karan Lamba c Jose b Koushik 31, SV Joshi b Koushik 5, Manav Suthar b Vyshak 0, Arafat Khan c Pandey b Vyshak 6, Rituraj Singh (n.o.) 10, Aniket Choudhary c Padikkal b Koushik 4; Extras (lb-9): 9; Total (in 45.3 overs): 129.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-9, 3-51, 4-53, 5-86, 6-104, 7-105, 8-115, 9-119.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 8-4-12-2, Koushik 17.3-5-37-4, Vyshak 14-4-50-4, Gowtham 6-1-21-0.

Karnataka -1st innings: R. Samarth c Rathore b Choudhary 8, Mayank Agarwal (batting) 49, Devdutt Padikkal b Choudhary 32, Nikin Jose (batting) 10; Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-2): 7; Total (for two wkts, in 30 overs): 106.

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-88.

Rajasthan bowling: Choudhary 10-2-40-2, Rituraj 10-3-27-0, Arafat 9-1-32-0, Suthar 1-0-2-0.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES (ROUND FIVE, DAY ONE)

Elite: Group A: Baroda 222/7 in 81 overs (Jyotsnil Singh 85, Priyanshu Moliya 50, Akash Deep 4/67) vs. Bengal. **Toss:** Baroda.
Nagaland 83/5 in 37 overs vs. Haryana. **Toss:** Haryana.
Odisha 191 in 50 overs (Shantanu Mishra 52, Vaibhav Arora 5/51) vs. Himachal Pradesh 91/2 in 31 overs (Prashant Chopra 61 batting). **Toss:** HP.
Uttar Pradesh 29/3 in 21 overs vs. Uttarakhand. **Toss:** U.P.
Group B: Mumbai 397/2 in 90 overs (Prithvi Shaw 240 batting, Musheer Khan 42, Ajinkya Rahane 73 batting) vs. Assam. **Toss:** Assam.
Andhra 203/3 in 74 overs (C.R. Gnaneshwar 81, Hanuma Vihari 76 batting) vs. Delhi. **Toss:** Delhi.
Hyderabad 79 in 30.5 overs vs. Saurashtra 250/5 in 54 overs (Harvik Desai 81, Chirag Jani 68, Sheldon Jackson 59). **Toss:** Hyderabad.
Maharashtra 350/6 in 83 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 118 batting, Kedar Jadhav 56, Ankit Bawne 45, Azim Kazi 87 batting) vs. Tamil Nadu. **Toss:** TN.
Group C: Jharkhand 103 in 32.1 overs (Ravi Kiran 5/42) vs. Chhattisgarh 95/8 in 43 overs (Avnish Dhaliwal 46 batting). **Toss:** Chhattisgarh.
Rajasthan 129 in 45.3 overs (Vasuki Koushik 4/37, Vijaykumar Vyshak 4/50) vs. Karnataka 106/2 in 30 overs (Mayank Agarwal 49 batting). **Toss:** Rajasthan.
Kerala 254/6 in 90 overs (Sachin Baby 133 batting, Salman Nizar 42) vs. Services. **Toss:** Kerala.
Goa 223 in 84 overs (Eknath Kerkar 41, Darshan Misal 50 n.o., Sagar Udeshi 5/76) vs. Pondicherry 17/0 in 4 overs. **Toss:** Pondicherry.
Group D: Jammu & Kashmir 146/6 in 33 overs (Vivrant Sharma 41, Abdul Samad 46) vs. Punjab. **Toss:** J&K.
Vidarbha 6/0 in 3 overs vs. Chandigarh. **Toss:** Chandigarh.
Madhya Pradesh 232/3 in 90 overs (Himanshu Mantri 115 batting, Shubham Sharma 72) vs. Gujarat. **Toss:** M.P.

Prithvi Shaw (Mumbai, 240 batting). PTI

Tripura 96 in 49.3 overs (Akash Pandey 4/18) vs. Railways 126/1 in 38 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 60 batting, Pratham Singh 56 batting). **Toss:** Tripura.

Plate: Arunachal Pradesh 213 in 56.3 overs (Rahul Dalal 147, Palzor Tamang 4/53) vs. Sikkim 94/3 in 26 overs. **Toss:** Arunachal.

Meghalaya 157 in 53.1 overs (L. Kishan Singha 6/18) vs. Manipur 81/4 in 25 overs (Langlonyamba Meitan Keishangbam 48). **Toss:** Manipur.

Bihar 296/4 in 90 overs (Babul Kumar 128 batting, Shivam Singh 47 batting) vs. Mizoram. **Toss:** Mizoram.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF Malaysia Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m.

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Pakistan vs New Zealand: 2nd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 7 p.m.

SA20: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9 p.m.

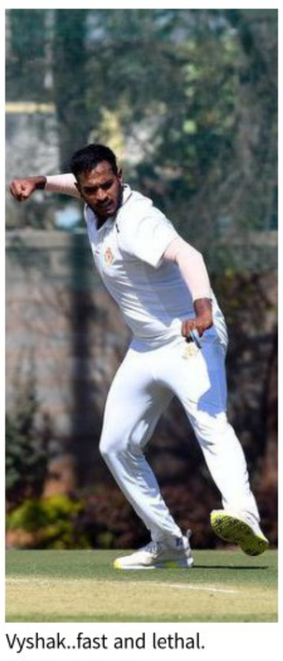
Mithun's guidance has helped me: Vyshak

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Vyshak Vijaykumar has been on fire for Karnataka in the Ranji Trophy this season. The fast bowler has picked up 21 wickets, including a match-winning five-for against Chhattisgarh in the previous match.

On Tuesday, Vyshak rattled Rajasthan with a four-wicket haul in the first essay. Vyshak is the quickest bowler in the Karnataka side, and has now added accuracy to his arsenal. Vyshak has all the traits of a natural speedster.

Until some years ago, however, Vyshak considered himself as a batter. "In my junior days, I was primarily a batter who could bowl slow-medium. When I was 18, Raman sir, my coach at Basavanagudi Cricket Academy, indirectly motivated me at nets by saying 'you can't bowl fast'. When he told me I couldn't bowl fast, that triggered me. That's where my journey as a pacer started," Vyshak said here.



Vyshak..fast and lethal. SUDHAKARA JAIN

On his recent good run, Vyshak said, "At practice, I try to hit the right areas. It has been paying off."

Vyshak did a lot of work with former Karnataka and India fast bowler A. Mithun in the off-season. The inputs from the senior man helped Vyshak no end.

"I didn't bowl well in the first game of last year's Ranji Trophy. Mithun told me not to worry about it, and that I should continue to try and bowl quick.

"Mithun worked on my action, run up, and my mental aspect as well – how to go about it when the wicket is flat, how to bowl in different conditions. He is a legend, and he has done wonders for Karnataka for a long time. That helped me a lot," Vyshak said.

Ronaldo to make millions for assisting Saudi WC bid

Agence France-Presse
NICOSIA

Cristiano Ronaldo will earn €200 million to promote Saudi Arabia's joint 2030 World Cup bid in addition to his club salary, a source close to his club told AFP on Monday.

The Portuguese superstar, 37, unveiled to thousands of Al Nassr fans in Riyadh last week, is by far the most famous player to sign for a club in Saudi or any other Gulf country.

"He will be an ambassador for the Saudi World Cup 2030 bid for another 200 million," the source said.

The five-time *Ballon d'Or winner*, who has also won the Champions League five times, is expected to make his Al Nassr debut on January 22.

Natl. shooting: Sift Kaur Samra tops yet again in rifle 3-position event

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sift Kaur Samra continued to assert her mastery of the women's rifle 3-position event as she beat Anjum Moudgil 16-14 for the top spot in the second National shooting selection trials at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad, on Tuesday.

Both Sift and Anjum shot high scores in qualification and were much superior to the rest of the pack in sealing their spot for the final dual. The two had finished 1-2 in the first trial.

Shriyanka Sadangi was placed third ahead of Surabhi Bharadwaj, Vanshika Shaihi, Ashi Chouksey, Gaayathri Nithyanandam and Sunidhi Chauhan.

In men's air rifle, Rudrankksh Patil topped the second trials with a 17-13 win over Chain Singh.

Top three: Chinki Yadav, champion Manu Bhaker and Esha Singh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

There was hardly any difference in the performance of the two in the semifinals, as they rose above Shahu Tushar Mane and qualification topper Hriday Hazarika (633.6).

Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar also shot high (632.0) along with Arjun Babuta (631.5) but had to settle for the fifth and seventh spots respectively. Rudrankksh had finished second to Lagad Saurav Gorakh in the first trial.

In the first trials of women's 25-metre sports pistol, Manu Bhaker beat Chinki Yadav 27-21 for the top spot. Esha Singh and Abhidnya Patil placed third and fourth respectively, ahead of qualification topper Rhythm Sangwan (583).

The results:

10m air rifle: Men: 1. Rudrankksh Patil 17 (260.9) 630.8; 2. Chain Singh 13 (261) 630.0; 3. Shahu Tushar Mane 259.7 (630.1); 4. Hriday Hazarika 259.2 (633.6).

Junior men: 1. Sheersh Aditya Kashyap 17 (262.7) 630.0; 2. Saalim 11 (263.8) 629.5; 3. Abhinav Shaw 261.6 (631.3); 4. Manvendra Singh Shekhawat 260.3 (628.4).

25m sports pistol: Women: 1. Manu Bhaker 27 (14) 581; 2. Chinki Yadav 21 (12) 574; 3. Esha Singh 17 (16) 582; 4. Abhidnya Patil 9 (14) 575.

Junior women: 1. Arshdeep Kaur 24 (11) 568; 2. Simranpreet Kaur Brar 20 (10) 581; 3. Megana Sadula 15 (11) 572; 4. Naamya Kapoor 10 (12) 573.

50m rifle 3-position: Women: 1. Sift Kaur Samra 16 (408.7) 589; 2. Anjum Moudgil 14 (408) 588; 3. Shriyanka Sadangi 405.6 (586); 4. Surabhi Bharadwaj 404.2 (584).

Junior women: 1. Nupur Kumrrawat 16 (400.9) 575; 2. Nikita Kundu 12 (406.4) 582; 3. Dhyaneshwari Patil 400.8 (566); 4. Sharanya Lakhan 399.5 (571).

The time has come to play Suryakumar Yadav in Tests

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Should a slot be found for Suryakumar Yadav in India's Test team that will take on Australia in four Tests next month? It is not always wise to rush a T20 specialist, however exceptional, into five-day cricket based purely on his exploits in the shortest format. But that alone is not the argument for including Yadav in the first couple of Tests at least.

This is a mature player of 32, with 79 first class matches under his belt, over 5500 runs and an average of nearly 45. He has 14 centuries. Most batters with that record would be looking for a Test debut. Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant, to take two examples from the Indian team, haven't played as much first class cricket as Yadav.

There is too the example of Australia's David Warner who came into Test cricket via T20, and has become one of its most enduring performers with over a hundred Tests, scoring both a triple century and a century before lunch on the first day of a Test match.

Stunning form

The time to pick a player is when he is in form, and Suryakumar has been in stunning form in recent months, extending the boundaries of the possible in T20 cricket, where, of course he is, like all batters, allowed a certain amount of irresponsibility.

Test cricket is a different animal altogether. At a time when India's middle order appears less than perfect, someone who can shake up things, throw bowlers off their length should be welcomed.

For it is not just the innovative shots Yadav plays in T20 that make the difference. There are two important elements that he has in common with aggressive players like Virender Sehwag and Rishabh Pant.

One is his map-reading gift, the ability to absorb at any given moment precisely where the gaps in the field are. The other is his ball sense and timing which sends the ball screaming from the bat. It is tracer-bullet batsmanship, to borrow a phrase from Ravi Shastri. These qualities mean he does not need to descend into muscular hitting with heavy bats. Indian selectors tend to be conservative, believing, for example, that a dismissal off a defensive shot is somehow superior (for want of a better word) to a dismissal off an attacking shot.

They have often argued in their minds that aggressive batters should have a second string to their bow. In recent years, Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Pant kept wickets, Kapil Dev opened the bowling. Sehwag was the exception, but even he had 40 wickets in Tests.

Every team should encourage a batsman who can change a game in a session, and despite the experience of T20 cricket, there aren't too many in Test cricket who can actually do that.

When there were misgivings about Pant in the initial matches, the coach persisted with him, recognising that he was special and needed to be nurtured. Outside of his 33 Tests, Pant has played just 14 first class games, but already has five centuries and six fifties in Tests. After his horrific accident, it is too early to say when he will return to international cricket, and Yadav would make a difference.

Feel for the ball

His experience will tell him that he cannot play Tests like he does T20, but he has such a lovely feel for the ball (he has spoken about how he knows he is batting well by the sound of the ball on the bat) that the adjustment cannot be a problem.

He has admitted to occasionally playing pre-determined shots. That is anathema to Test batsmanship. He knows he cannot do that in Tests, but on the other hand, he might be able to make it work there. Cricket is a huge university that welcomes all philosophies, and players take a special joy (as to spectators) in proving the hard-and-fast rules wrong!

His excellence in T20 cricket shouldn't work against his playing Test cricket; that would be both unfair to him and a loss to Indian cricket.

As England have been demonstrating recently, there is more than one way to approach Test cricket. Players gain confidence with the backing of the coach and captain, and Yadav has done enough to merit such backing this season.

After all, he made his Ranji debut 13 years ago, and is no callow youngster likely to be carried away by others' expectations.

Three women umpires make Ranji debut

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A former scorer, an ex-software engineer and a player whose career was cut short by injury, scripted history on Tuesday as Vrinda Rathi, Janani Narayanan and Gayathri Venugopalan became the first women to officiate in the Ranji Trophy.

Gayathri is officiating in the match between Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh in Jamshedpur while Janani is in Surat for the Railways versus Tripura game Vrinda at Porvorim for Goa versus Pondicherry.

Hailing from various backgrounds, the trio, already well-respected on the women's circuit, became pioneers courtesy BCCI's decision to draft women umpires on the men's domestic circuit.

Janani (36) also officiated in the Tamil Nadu Premier League in 2021.

Vrinda (32) used to score local matches in Mumbai and was the official BCCI scorer for the 2013 Women's World Cup.

The two were also included in the International Cricket Council's panel of development umpires in 2020.

Gayathri (43) started umpiring in 2019 and has served as a reserve (fourth) umpire in Ranji.